



Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic

Mike McKee

'Milestone' in Indian health care New tribal health clinic in Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby said dedication of the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic marked a “major milestone” in continuing efforts to enhance health care for American Indians in

the area.

Gov. Anoatubby was joined by dozens of tribal and local officials, area residents and other distinguished guests for a July 16 ribbon cutting ceremony. The new 66,000

square-foot medical clinic, at 2510 Chickasaw Blvd., is more than six times the size of the original clinic, which opened in 1988.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal leaders, local officials, area residents and other guests in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic in Ardmore, Okla. The new clinic was dedicated July 16.

Tribe, Sundance to present indie films at Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation, in collaboration with the Sundance Institute and partners, will present “Film Forward: Advancing Cultural Dialogue.”

This special film event, featuring the work of independent filmmakers, is set for Sept. 6-8 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Friday and Saturday film

screenings and events are free and open to the public.

Film Forward, an initiative of the Sundance Institute and partners, promotes cultural dialogue. Independent documentaries and narrative film are featured. The initiative utilizes film's unique ability to tell stories that explore univer-

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Ground broken on new tribal visitors' center in Sulphur



Artist's rendering of the Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - A ground breaking ceremony Thursday, July 12 marked another milestone in the tribe's development initiatives in the heart of the Chickasaw Nation.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal officials, local officials and dozens of area residents to mark the beginning of construction of the new Chickasaw Nation Visitor Cen-

ter at the intersection of State Highway 7 and U.S. Highway 177.

Gov. Anoatubby said the location and design of the center were chosen to serve a wide range of visitors to the area, highlight local attractions and communicate the Chickasaw Nation's connection to the area.

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"Health care has always been a high priority for our administration," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Our health care team works diligently to continually improve the overall quality of life of Chickasaw citizens and other American Indians by offering the highest quality care possible."

The new two-story building is connected to the old facility via an enclosed corridor. The configuration provides increased space for existing services as well as expanded services.

New and expanded services include behavioral health, physical therapy, drive-through pharmacy, audiology, ultrasound, Dexa Scan and mam-

mography. Health care staff will increase from 25 to approximately 100 employees.

The increase in staffing is made possible through the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Funding program.

"The Chickasaw Nation is excited about the new services we can now offer American Indians," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our goal is to always improve and increase the care we provide."

Planning for the expansion of the clinic began in 2009 as the number of clinic patient visits continued to dramatically increase.

"Members of the clinic staff were involved in planning the design for this center," Gov.

Anoatubby said. "We believe that will help make this new clinic more patient-friendly, and also more caregiver-friendly."

The first phase of enlarging the capacity of the clinic consisted of an expansion of the existing facility. Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus grant, the phase one remodeling project was completed in September 2010.

That project included two new exam rooms, a larger pharmacy with a consultation room and other updates.

About the Joint Venture funding program

The Joint Venture construction program promotes partnerships between tribes and the U.S. Indian Health Service. The competitive program provides incentives to tribes who acquire or construct tribally-owned health care facilities.

In exchange for purchasing or constructing a health care facility with tribal funds, the Indian Health Service provides funding for certain staffing and operational costs.

History of the Ardmore Clinic

The Chickasaw Nation opened its first outpatient health clinic in Ardmore on Jan. 14, 1985.

Temporarily located in the west end of the administration building on the Carter Seminary campus, the clinic was staffed by a physician, a dentist, two dental assistants, a registered nurse, and a physician's assistant.

At the time, the clinic was serving about 31 patients a day.

Prior to the opening of the Ardmore clinic, outpatient and inpatient services were available at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, Okla. A health clinic in Tishomingo, Okla., provided outpatient services only.

In May 1986, the Chickasaw Nation became one of 13 tribes to be awarded U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development

Block Grants. The Chickasaw Nation utilized the block grant for the construction of a new clinic in Ardmore. More than 30 tribes had applied for the competitive grants.

Construction of the 10,000 square-foot health care facility on three acres in the northwest corner of the Carter Seminary campus began in August, 1987. The clinic opened in July, 1988.

In addition to a dental clinic, laboratory and pharmacy, 1988's new Ardmore clinic housed environmental health services, public health nursing, mental health services, Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) nutrition program, audiology screenings, pre-natal care and well-baby follow-ups.

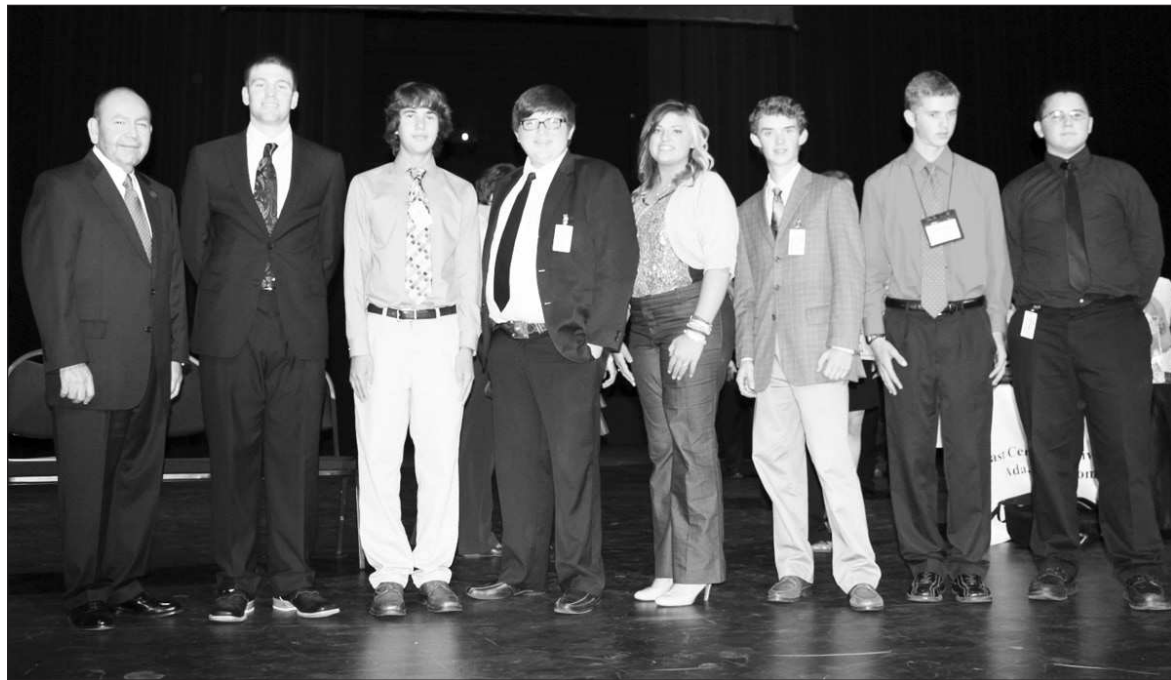
As a result of a decade-long partnership between the tribe and the three federal agencies - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and Housing and Urban Development - the Ardmore Clinic strived to meet the health care needs of the Indian population in the southwestern region of the Chickasaw Nation.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health accommodates more than 350,000 patient visits annually. Patients visits occur at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, and satellite clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell.

The Division of Health staff and employees continue to strive daily to promote better health, wellness and nutrition among the American Indian population.

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Oklahoma Business Week



Gov. Bill Anoatubby delivered the keynote address during the closing assembly of the inaugural Oklahoma Business Week, July 8-13 at East Central University in Ada. Gov. Anoatubby is pictured with several students the Chickasaw Nation sponsored for the week of training and hands-on experience for aspiring entrepreneurs. From left are, Gov. Anoatubby, Chasten "Chat" Henry, Joshua Tingle, Jeremiah Weeden, Madison "Reide" Wilson, Brandon Clay, Austin Clay and Morgan McDonald.

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Making a good plan, staying true - the Chickasaw way

Consider what we have accomplished together as Chickasaws over just the past 25 years.

In 1988, the Chickasaw Nation was operating several essential programs and services for the Chickasaw people. However, none of those programs and services were funded at an appropriate level. The total funding was actually miniscule when compared to the needs of our people.

Our tribe, like most others in those days, relied very heavily on federal funds. Those funds were never a sure thing, and many years those resources did not even grow enough to cover inflation.

As Chickasaws, we were challenged to come up with ideas to grow our tribe, reach a level of self-sufficiency and, most importantly, serve Chickasaw people well. It was clear to us that we had to do something to improve our fortunes. So, we did what was called for. We developed what we believed was a good, workable plan with a great chance of success. And we put that plan into action!

We determined in the late 1980s and early 1990s that our best avenue for success rested in tribal commerce. Following a study of the economic environment that existed for tribal nations, we embarked on a course of well-considered tribal business development. Our idea was to create tribal businesses that took advantage of the talents we had to offer, and build those businesses into success stories. We continue on that course today.

And what a road we have traveled together! We



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Governor,
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believed that if we worked our plan and stayed the course, we would meet with success. It was, and is, a matter of discipline and "sticking with it." Of course, that's the Chickasaw way!

Did we encounter some bumps and detours along the way? Yes. That is to be expected in commerce. But as we traversed the twists and turns of business, we gained valuable experience. We soon were on a straight and narrow path that has taken us to where we are today.

Resources produced by our tribal businesses are introduced

to the myriad programs, services, outreach and opportunities Chickasaw people can access today. This outcome is the result of a number of bright, industrious, hard-working people dedicated to delivering outstanding business achievements - and great futures

for Chickasaws.

Has our journey together been worth it? Absolutely! What price can we place on our ability to make decisions for ourselves? It certainly took a lot of work on behalf of countless Chickasaws, but we have together created something priceless.

We have come so far in this short 25 years. Every Chickasaw citizen today has a grand menu of opportunities from which to choose. From education to jobs to housing to health care - and so much more - Chickasaws today are benefitting from our commercial success in a multitude of ways. The goal, as always, is to provide the basis for healthy, happy, prosperous Chickasaw families.

The great thing is - we are not stopping now! We have accomplished so much together, and there are great things ahead for us. I deeply appreciate your faith in me as your Governor. The trust you have placed in me is humbling - and inspiring! I look forward to serving you for years to come.

Now that our solid foundation has been established, we are working harder than ever to discover new opportunities and new ways to build our tribal legacy of service to the people.

That truly is the Chickasaw way.

Thank you for your contributions over the years. Together, we have much more we can accomplish by generating success and opportunity for Chickasaw people in our modern world.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, ninth from left, is joined by tribal and local officials to break ground on the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur, July 12. From left are State Rep. Wes Hilliard, tribal justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, tribal attorney Randy Henning, Chickasaw citizen Lauren John, tribal legislators Shana Tate Hammond, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott and Toby Perkins, Gov. Anoatubby, tribal legislators Scott Colbert and Tim Colbert, Murray County Commissioner Billy Frank Lance, tribal legislator David Woerz, Chickasaw National Recreation Area Superintendent Bruce Noble, Division of Commerce administrator Bill Lance, Division of Self-Governance administrator Tom John, tribal tourism director Paige Williams, Sulphur Mayor Mitch Hull and Murray County Commissioner Jim Britt.

Marcy Gray

"This visitor center is part of our long-range plan to promote tourism in this area," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This will be an excellent venue to welcome guests to the area and encourage them to discover the natu-

ral beauty, history and hospitality of Chickasaw Country. Our connection with the land and the people of the Sulphur area pre-dates statehood. We want to share that story with everyone."

The new center, adjacent to the Artesian Hotel currently under construction, will serve as a gateway to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Constructed of native stone, copper and glass, the split-level

visitor center will include an information desk, orientation theatre, multi-purpose gallery, restrooms and a gift shop on the street level. Office space will be located on the lower level.

The interior of the building will feature natural slate flooring and rich wood ceilings. A cascading water feature will be integrated into the building's exterior design.

The building is designed to be eco-friendly by Oklahoma architectural firm Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates.

The project has been awarded LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED rating-system certifications are awarded to projects based on performance and energy usage, sustainable features, innovative design and other green criteria.

Once completed, the visitor center will provide information and tell the story of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the only national park established at the request of a Native American tribe, the Chickasaws.

Expected completion date for the visitor center is 2013.

The visitor center, Gov. Anoatubby said, will complement the tribe's ongoing efforts to promote tourism in the area.

"We believe our continuing investment in this area will benefit the state and local economy far into the future," he said.

Investments include the Artesian Hotel and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. More than 150,000 people have visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center since its opening in July 2010.

The Chickasaw Nation also has plans for a retail center, pocket park and casino in Sulphur.

Other projects planned for the area include a Bedre' Chocolate factory and a Chickasaw Welcome Center, both located on Interstate 35 near exit 55.

More than three million people visit Murray County each year. Other attractions in the area include Turner Falls, Arbuckle Wilderness and Cross Bar Ranch all-terrain vehicle trails.

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sal themes.

Seven films and filmmakers from the U.S., U.K., and Australia will be featured at the Cultural Center's Anoli' Theater.

"Film Forward offers a unique avenue to promote a greater level of understanding among diverse cultures," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This project helps shine a light on indigenous filmmakers and others striving to remain true to their own cultures while relaying stories of universal significance. We are very pleased to be hosting this prestigious and important event."

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the Division of History and Culture, said hosting the event at the Cultural Center was a huge honor.

"The Film Forward project has chosen the Chickasaw Cultural Center to showcase its selection of 2012 films," she said. "As one of only three locations in the United States to host Film Forward, this is an incredible honor for the Chickasaw Nation and the Cultural Center."

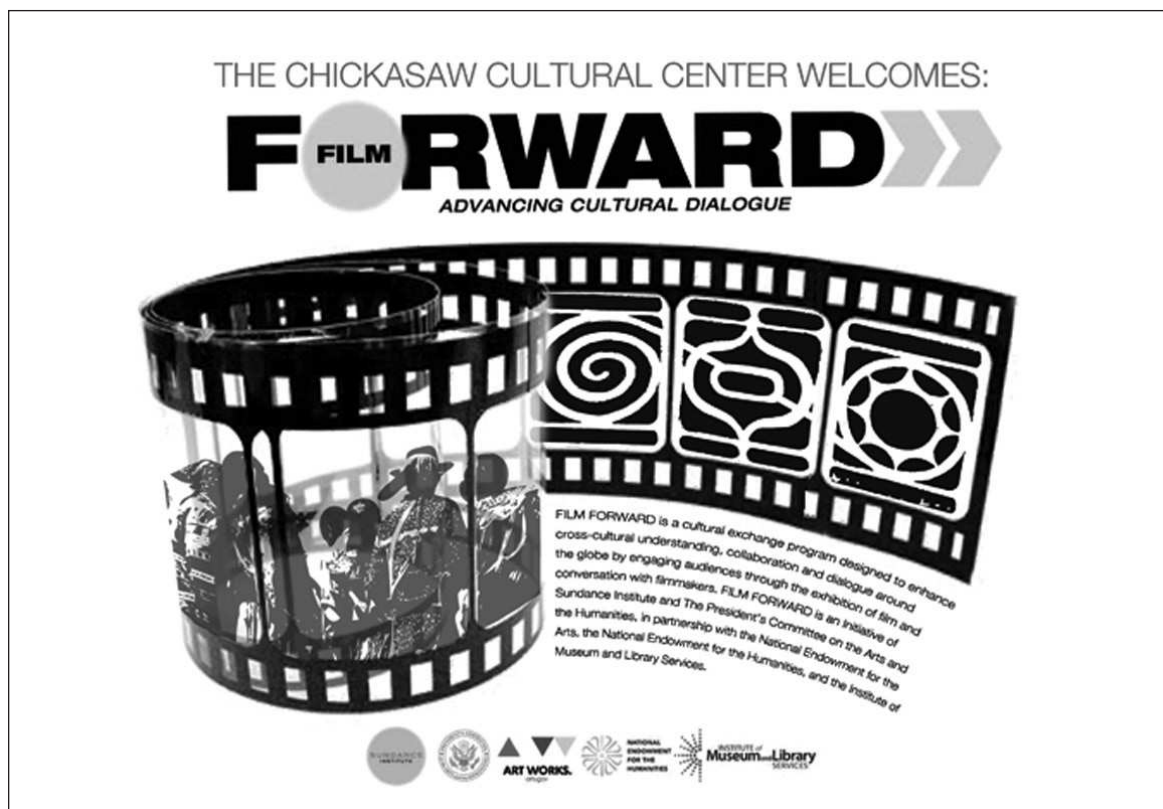
All films at the event will be screened at the Cultural Center's Anoli' Theatre.

"Film Forward was created to enhance cross-cultural understanding through film, and we are pleased to highlight two films directed by Indigenous filmmakers," Dr. Cobb-Greetham said. "This event will showcase the films themselves, all of which will be shown on our 40-foot tall Anoli' Theater screen, as well panel discussion and question-and-answer sessions with Rachel Perkins, director of the Indigenous feature film 'Bran Nue Dae,' and Asif Kapadia, director of the documentary, 'Senna.'"

"We hope you will join us for this very special event."

Film Forward films collectively illustrate coming-of-age stories, explore identity and reveal the transformation process, both political and personal.

"Somewhere Between" follows the story of four Chinese-American girls struggling with their identities as they grow into young women. "Another Earth" explores the lives of two strangers whose lives become intertwined after the discovery of a duplicate Earth.



"Buck" is the story of Buck Brannaman and his extraordinary work with horses.

Activities begin Sept. 6 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center with the Sundance Institute's Native Filmmakers Summit.

A panel of Native filmmakers including Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Creek) and Jason Asenap (Comanche) will open the event at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 7. The topic of the roundtable discussion is "Perspectives in Indigenous Filmmaking."

Indigenous film "Bran Nue Dae" will be presented at 11 a.m. Director Rachel Perkins will be on hand following the screening to take questions.

"Senna" will be screened at 1:30 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session with director Asif Kapadia.

"On the Ice" will show at 3:30 p.m., followed by "Buck" at 5:30 p.m., and "Beginners" at 7:30 p.m.

A panel of Oklahoma filmmakers discussing perspectives on Oklahoma filmmaking will open Saturday's events at 10 a.m.

"Senna" will be screened at 11 a.m.; "Bran Nue Dae" will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Both will be followed by time with the films' directors.

"Somewhere Between" will be presented at 3:30 p.m., and "Another Earth" at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9 will spotlight Chickasaw filmmaking with a presentation of "Pearl."

All Film Forward films will be shown free of charge. Film schedule is subject to change.

For more information about the Cultural Center Film Forward event, contact Brian Cooke at (580) 622-7138 or log on to www.sundance.org.

Film Forward travels to four U.S. and five international locations each year. In addition to the Chickasaw Cultural Center the program will be presented in Arizona, California, China, Columbia, India and Morocco in 2012.

Film Forward is an Initiative of Sundance Institute and The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

About the Sundance Institute

Founded by actor and director Robert Redford in 1981, Sundance Institute is a global, nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to nurturing artistic expression in film and theater, and to supporting intercultural dialogue between artists and audiences.

The Institute promotes independent storytelling to unite,

inform and inspire, regardless of geo-political, social, religious or cultural differences.

Internationally recognized for its annual Sundance Film Festival and its artistic development programs for directors, screenwriters, producers, film composers, playwrights and theatre artists, Sundance Institute has nurtured such projects as *Born into Brothels*, *Trouble the Water*, *Son of Babylon*, *Amreeka*, *An Inconvenient Truth*, *Spring Awakening*, *Light in the Piazza* and *Angels in America*. Join [Sundance Institute](http://SundanceInstitute.org) on [Facebook](http://Facebook.com), [Twitter](http://Twitter.com) and [YouTube](http://YouTube.com).

2012 Featured Film Forward Films

Another Earth / USA (Director: Mike Cahill) — After the discovery of a duplicate Earth, tragedy strikes, and the lives of these strangers become irrevocably intertwined. When one of them is presented with the opportunity to travel to the other Earth and embrace an alternative reality, which new life will they choose? Cast: Brit Marling (also a co-writer), William Mapother, Matthew-Lee Erlbach

Beginners / USA (Director: Mike Mills) — BEGINNERS imaginatively explores the hilarity, confusion, and sur-

prises of love through the evolving consciousness of Oliver, whose life is rocked by two announcements from his elderly father: that he has terminal cancer, and that he has a young male lover. Cast: Ewan McGregor, Christopher Plummer, Melanie Laurent.

Bran Nue Dae / Australia (Director: Rachel Perkins) — This musical, set in the Summer of 1969, tells the story of a young man who flees the Catholic mission where he is studying to join the priesthood. He journeys across Australia on a life-changing journey that ultimately leads him back home. Cast: Rocky McKenzie, Jessica Mauboy, Geoffrey Rush.

Buck / USA (Director: Cindy Meehl) — BUCK profiles famous "horse whisperer" Buck Brannaman, tracing his life from an abusive childhood to his career as a world-renowned horse handler and trainer. By teaching people to communicate with horses through instinct, not punishment, he frees the spirit of the horse and its human comrade.

On the Ice / USA (Director: Andrew Okpeaha MacLean) — Two Alaskan teenagers deal with guilt and a web of deceit after accidentally killing a friend in a fight that got out of control. With their future in the balance, the two boys are forced to explore the limits of friendship and honor. Cast: Frank Irelan, Adamina Kerr, John Miller.

Senna / UK (Director: Asif Kapadia) — The story of Ayrton Senna, perhaps the greatest race car driver who ever lived, is an epic tale that literally twists at every turn. Facing titanic struggles, he conquered Formula One and became a global icon who was idolized in his home country.

Somewhere Between / USA (Director: Linda Goldstein Knowlton) — *Somewhere Between* tells the story of four teenaged girls adjusting to life in the US after their Chinese birth parents are forced to part with them due to China's "One-Child" policy. The film provides an intimate look into the lives of teenage adoptees as they come to terms with their unique identities.

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60-day stay issued in Chickasaw, Choctaw Nations’ water suit

A 60-day stay granted July 20 by U.S. District Judge Lee R. West will give attorneys involved in federal litigation over the management of water resources within the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations’ treaty boundaries more time to work with a court-appointed mediator toward a negotiated settlement.

The litigation was triggered by the state of Oklahoma’s attempt to transfer control over Sardis Lake storage rights to Oklahoma City. Sardis Lake is located within the Kiamichi River basin, approximately 150 miles from Oklahoma City, and the storage right transfer was the first step in a plan to vest the city with rights to use and control approximately 90% of the waters stored in it. The Chickasaw and Choctaw nations filed suit in August, 2011 to block further implementation of the plan so that tribal water rights and interests could be protected.

Shortly after the Nations filed the complaint, Judge West ordered the parties to enter into mediation to try and resolve the issues through negotiation rather than litigation.

In February, 2012, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt filed a separate action in state court. That suit asked the Oklahoma Supreme Court to assume original jurisdiction over a general stream adjudication to determine all rights to the use of water in the Kiamichi, Muddy Boggy, and Clear Boggy river basins. That lawsuit names some 200 specific parties and would include an uncounted number of tribal allottees and as many as 21,000 owners of riparian lands within those named river basins. In March, however, the United States removed that case to federal court, where it was also assigned to Judge West. That action, too, is presently stayed so that the parties to the Nations’ action can work toward settlement.

In May, the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations and the State of Oklahoma announced the mediator’s formation of a task force “to discuss and consider possible solutions” to the water resource conflicts brought to a head by the attempted Sardis Lake transfer. The Task Force includes 19 geographically, politically and demographically diverse Oklahomans, who have so far been meeting to discuss matters related to the conflict.

Later that month, Judge West granted a joint motion requesting a 60-day stay in all legal action to enable all parties to focus their efforts on the mediation process.

In granting the stay, Judge West ordered the parties to file a written report on the status of mediation by July 20 to advise the Court if an extension of the stay “is warranted and would be beneficial to the resolution of any issues.”

Meanwhile, according to status reports filed with the court, all parties are continuing “factual and legal research and analysis in preparation for further discussion” as the efforts of the court-appointed mediator, Proessor Francis McGovern, continue.

The court’s latest order extends the current stay to Sept. 18, 2012, at which time the parties are instructed to submit a joint status report indicating whether a further stay is warranted.

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Tribe’s economic impact is a great positive for our state

Greetings from the very sunny and warm Chickasaw Nation! We have managed to top the 100-degree mark several times in July, but we are thankful we don’t have the same level of drought as 2011. We continue to pray for rain, but are thankful we have had about twice as much as last year.

It is really amazing how much progress the Chickasaw Nation is making this year! Our tribe is one of the most progressive in the country, with new buildings, programs and other initiatives that improve the lives of Chickasaws.

A recent study by the business school at Oklahoma City University really spells out the economic impact the Chickasaw Nation has on Oklahoma. The researchers determined that in 2011 alone, our tribe had a positive impact that totaled \$2.4 billion. That’s billion – with a B!

The Chickasaw Nation is a prolific builder with many brick-and-mortar projects ongoing on a consistent basis. Those projects create economic activity, including direct jobs and jobs created by suppliers. Many of those jobs are filled by Chickasaw workers.

The tribe is also engaged in numerous commercial endeavors that create wealth, jobs and partnerships. Much of the net income produced by our businesses is directed into the important tribal programs and services. Some of the funds are reinvested in the commercial units resulting in improvements and even more jobs.

We can be very proud of our tribe and its contributions to the Oklahoma economy. We are building great relationships with other entities throughout the state, and we are directing more and more outreach that impacts people in a positive way.

Most importantly, we are focused on our core mission – to enhance the quality of life of Chickasaw people. When I am evaluating a project, I can always go back to that mission to see if we are on the right track!

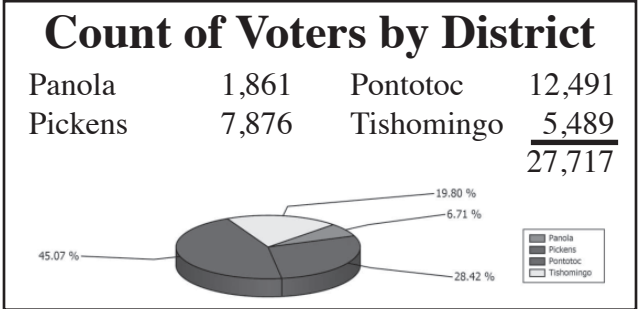
Please remember that I am always available to you when you have a question, a concern or a need. I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in the near future.

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Chikasha Toli stickball team competes in World Series

The Panola Senior Center has a new team member. Mr. Joe Beshirs is our full time cook. He and his wife Ruth have four children and 18 grandchildren. When Joe is not cooking full time at the Center, he is serving full time as Pastor of The Lighthouse Church in Colbert, Okla. We are excited to have him be a part of the Panola District Senior Center.

I am proud to share that members of the Chikasha Toli Stickball Team traveled to the homelands of Mississippi to play in the 2012 Stickball World Series Tournament located in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Members were asked to join Team Tvshkahoma of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. It was exciting to be there and witness history in the making. This



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was the first year that Chickasaw players were in the World Series Tournament! I am so proud of Chikasha Toli Team. They did an excellent job and represented us well. Thank you to the Choctaw Nation for inviting, sponsoring and transporting the teams to the 2012 Stickball World Series. Our ancestors would be proud, seeing our young men once again pick up sticks and continue with our cultural traditions.

Just a quick shout out to Travis, Kellie and Chisholm. Hope the ranch isn’t keeping you too busy!

My thoughts and prayers to the family of Mr. Carter Evans Collins. Carter has been promoted from this earth and will no longer walk among us. You shall be missed but not

forgotten! A memorial service was held on July 28 in Milano, Texas to celebrate the life and legacy of Carter Collins. He was a “cousin.” My grandmother’s maiden name was Collins. There was a connection thru the Collins name. As I have mentioned before, Collins brothers married Potts sisters and henceforth a population increase.

Next month I will share some Bloomfield news and make inquires about the Sheco Family tree. The last name of Shecoe can be spelled many ways.

As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects man Proverbs 27:19

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Mr. Joe Beshirs and his grand daughter Jalyn Beshirs.

Administration makes tribal consultation a priority

Greetings! Our Nation continues to thrive and work through many new and innovative programs and services that serve to improve our individual lives as well as collectively as a community of Native Americans. Our Chickasaw Nation leadership is solid and our services and programs remain funded and on a tract to improve the overall health of our Nation, while remaining fiscally strong. We are also exploring all of the proposed changes coming forth through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) provisions that have become law. It is important for us to be a catalyst for change and embrace change with a

preemptive thought process with resulting plans that will allow us to navigate through any new legislation, regardless of source. The PPACA will certainly offer forth some unique challenges for businesses and states as they evaluate the provisions that are contained in the PPACA, also known as Obamacare, and determine a course of action.

As Native Americans, we are cognizant of the fact that the Obama Administration is committed to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in policy decisions that have implications for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

At the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), tribal consultation is a critical ingredient of a sound and productive Federal-tribal relationship, and crucial to the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act. It remains imperative that we continue in all consultation and outreach efforts provided by HHS and the IHS to gain more education and information about the new law, plans for its implementation and how it will impact Indian Country.

In addition to specific provisions benefiting eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Affordable Care Act gives new rights and benefits to all American Indians and Alaska Natives, including Urban Indians.

More information will follow related to the provisions that are inclusive, but please remain confident that the Greater Chickasaw Nation remains visionary in our efforts and we are committed to maintaining a very strong healthcare system for our citizens.

Sincerely,
Connie Barker



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BARKER**

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Chickasaw artist has made life meaningful in California

Hello everyone,
I hope you and yours are enjoying summer. Picnics, swimming, watermelons, cantaloupes, okra and tomatoes are all signifying that summer is in full swing!

I want to thank everyone for all the great responses to the articles I have shared with you each month. The most feedback has come in response to articles about real Chickasaws and their stories. Fortunately for me, those are my favorites stories to share.

So, let me tell you about my new found relative and talented Chickasaw artist, Pallie Hogue.

Pallie lives in California, where she has lived since moving there with her mother when she was only six years old.

The World War II Oklahoma economy wasn't providing many jobs, so like a lot of Chickasaws, Pallie's mother went to California to find work and took Pallie along. Her mom found work in San Diego and life happened in California.

Pallie grew up and married Sonny Hogue. They raised a son and daughter and developed some interesting relationships and artistic talents along the way.

Pallie and Sonny have lived in the San Diego area, in Santee Lakes for 53 years. Not long after Pallie and Sonny were married, Sonny's mother mentioned hearing a young man on the radio. She really enjoyed the song and told Sonny that if he ever comes out here she wants to see his show.

The young man was Elvis Presley.

So, when he came to that area, they went to the show. Arriving early, Sonny noticed the musicians unloading and setting up instruments and sound equipment. Being polite and helpful, Sonny just joined in and helped unload and set up. When the show was over, Sonny helped again.

His help earned friendships that have lasted for years. Anytime Elvis and his band were performing in the area, the family would go and visit with Elvis and his band members. Pallie and Sonny fell like they knew the real Elvis, as he was when he was relaxed, laughing and having a good time with friends.

In addition to developing wonderful and enduring relationships, Pallie developed artistic sewing skills that are equally wonderful and enduring. She has made many coveted quilts for family members who she has maintained strong bonds with throughout the years and in spite of the distance between California and Oklahoma. The last few years, Pallie has been making baby quilts and layettes for family and friends.

The quilt shown in the picture was designed and sewn by Pallie, with help from her daughter, Rhonda.

I know Pallie is just one of many Chickasaws with talent and/or interesting family stories. If you want to share yours, just let me know.

I think our stories need to be shared. When we know the stories of our fellow Chickasaws, our lives are enriched and our culture is preserved.

People First,
Katie



Sonny and Pallie Hogue.

**KATIE
CASE**

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Chickasaw Farms landscape packages are outstanding!

Chukma, Hello Everyone,
Thank you for the opportunity to represent Seat 2 of the Pontotoc District for three more years. I feel very honored and blessed to be able to serve you as your representative in the Pontotoc District. Our nation has also been greatly blessed. There is no more evidence of this than in our beautiful facilities. I often hear people complimenting the Chickasaw Nation on the beauty of our buildings, but especially the landscaping.

I hope you are aware of the Chickasaw Farms, which provides a landscaping package for Chickasaw homeowners who live within the boundaries

of the Chickasaw Nation. The landscaping package includes a set number of trees, shrubs, grasses, flowers and sod. Then every two years, the homeowner can apply for a supplemental package.

For more information on this program, you can contact the Chickasaw Farms at (580) 310-7930.

The Horticulture Department also sponsors a landscaping package. Participants must attend a seminar on the types of plant species and care and maintenance of the plants. Participants of both programs must provide the following documentation; copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of home ownership (warranty deed, insurance

binder or letter from the lender).

For more information, call (580) 559-0888. I hope you will take advantage of the landscaping program. Thank you to the employees of the Chickasaw Farms and the Horticulture Department for doing a fantastic job of keeping the Chickasaw Nation beautiful!

I hope you all enjoy the last days of summer with a visit to any of our beautiful facilities. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala cho anowa, (Until I see you again,)

Nancy Elliott

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Artesian Hotel will be a real 'Chickasaw gem' at park!

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. July has been very hot and dry. Typical, I guess, for Oklahoma, but the drought is returning and two years of extreme dryness is taking its toll.

Thank you to all my friends for your thoughts and prayers as my son and husband have both been very ill. Prayers certainly help the entire Green family in this time of need.

Several ground-breaking and ribbon cutting events occurred in July. In Sulphur, the Nation broke ground for the visitor center across the street from the Artesian Hotel. The Artesian is coming along

nicely and will be very beautiful when it is finalized. With the hotel, visitor center, arts building and pocket park, the downtown area of Sulphur will certainly be revitalized with a Chickasaw flair!

Several Legislators attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ardmore health clinic. The clinic is much needed and will be utilized by our citizens and other Native Americans living in the southern area of our Nation. There was also a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Ardmore senior site which was attended by a large crowd. It was also needed to serve the expanding number of senior citizens in the Ardmore area.

Some Legislators had the opportunity to attend the Denver, Colorado Community Council meeting in July. It is such a pleasure for Legislators to attend community council meetings whether they are inside or outside the Chickasaw Nation. We are always made to feel welcome as we make new friends and catch up with old friends.

The annual election for public office were held in July and we hope that everyone filled out their ballots. Two Legislators were unopposed and were re-elected by one vote as the law provides. The results of the election are not yet known at the time of this writing; however, I will gladly work with whomever the Chickasaw voters placed in office.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



MARY JO GREEN

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Newspaper, web site excellent sources for information on tribe

Recently, a few of us from the legislature had the opportunity to attend the Denver area Community Council meeting. The council welcomed us with open arms into the mountain home of Steve and Lisa Bingham. It was so nice to escape the heat and humidity of our Oklahoma summer and enjoy the cool, dry air of Colorado. We had great conversation and many discussions centered around how to find out what is going on within the tribe, especially for our at-large citizens.

This seems to be a common theme amongst the at-large tribal members, and one in which we should consider ways to improve upon. The two best sources of information for all the many events and advances within the tribe are by reading *the Chickasaw Times* and visiting our website www.chickasaw.net.

The Chickasaw Times staff does an outstanding job of notifying us of upcoming events and the progress our tribe continues to make, leading the way for other tribes across the country. If you have a Smart Phone, you can even download *the Chickasaw Times* application to read the paper (page by page) electronically. Our website is full of very helpful information including upcoming events, Chickasaw words of the day and detailed information about all the many programs and services, along with contact information and forms needed to apply for the various programs.

My challenge to each of you is to thoroughly read *the Chickasaw Times* and check the website regularly to keep yourself up-to-date on what we have going on within the tribe. Both citizens inside and outside the tribal boundaries should know what is going on. Chances are, if you are reading this article, you already do that. If you ever have a question about eligibility of a program or service, start with the website. If you still have a question, call the appropriate division and inquire. We, as your representatives, are also available to help you. The Chickasaw Nation is so blessed to be able to offer the many programs and services to our people. We want you to use every program available.

Yakkookay,
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You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God. ~Deuteronomy 28:2



Shana Hammond with Deidre Cheney, daughter of Tania Colbert Patrick (formerly of Ardmore, Okla.) from the Denver Area Community Council.

Upward Bound summer session students recognized for work

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound award ceremony was June 28 at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. Students who attended the summer session were recognized for Most Improved, Top Student, Student of the Year and Outstanding Citizenship.

During the session, students were enrolled in a variety of classes on the Murray State College campus.

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Most Improved

Front row from left, Maleek Morris, Madill; Makinzie Windham, Davis; Donna McElvany, Davis; Omar Sanchez, Marietta; and Brandon Howard, Wilson. Back row from left, Amber Brundage, Ringling; Audrilique White, Springer; Billy Johnson, Rush Springs; and Tiffany Jeffcoats, Springer; and Evan Ruth, Fox.



Top Students

Front row from left, Charlesanna Perry, Tishomingo; Savanna Davis, Marietta; and Breanna Tamplen, Tishomingo. Middle row from left, Wyatt Collins, Davis; Eric Tobey, Rush Springs; Dylan Medler, Bray Doyle; and Jarred Stacey, Roff. Back row from left, Ryan Perridge, Rush Springs; Jonathon Taylor, Velma-Alma; and Omar Sanchez, Marietta.



Outstanding Citizenship and Student of the Year

From left, Jonathan Sprouse, Outstanding Citizenship Award, Tishomingo High School 2012 graduate; Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director Johnna R. Walker; and Isis Hilton, Student of the Year Award, Marietta High School 2012 graduate.

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Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur Area

Chickasaw Citizen

Play at National Museum of the American Indian

New incarnation of 'Te Ata' unites a family



Te Ata nephew Gene Thompson and Dr. Clyde Fisher's great niece Cheryl Banks meet for first time. Mrs. Banks holds Maia Morrow, a great-great-great-niece of Dr. Fisher. In front is Eva Morrow, great-great-great-niece of Dr. Fisher.

As the last curtain comes to a close, the legacy of Te Ata lives on through books, movies and memories.

"Te Ata" the play was performed at Oklahoma City University June 14-17 and 21-24 and at the National Museum of the American Indian on July 5-8. The play introduced a new generation to Chickasaw storyteller and performer Te Ata.

It also united a family.

The play served as an emotional meeting for two families, the families of Mary Frances "Te Ata" Thompson Fisher and her husband, Dr. Clyde Fisher. The families met for the first time at the production in Washington, D.C. Many stories were shared and pictures were taken as a new family bond was created.

"We have always considered Dr. Fisher our uncle and it was wonderful to know his family has always welcomed our aunt as their aunt," said Gene Thompson, nephew of Te Ata. "This will not be the first meeting and we are adding our uncle's family to our family tree."

The great-great-great-niece of Dr. Clyde Fisher attended the production with a picture of her great-great-great-aunt and uncle, Te Ata and Dr. Fisher, in her hands.

"My granddaughter was captivated by Te Ata," said Cheryl Banks, great niece of Dr. Fisher. "It made me so happy to see how engaged she was in the play."

"Te Ata" delighted audiences. The play was a collaboration among the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma City University and the National Museum of the American Indian.

The production was inspired by the life and legacy of Mary Frances "Te Ata" Thompson

Fisher. Te Ata's career spanned more than 60 years. She was known for sharing stories of her Chickasaw tribe and other Indian tribes. Te Ata was named the first Oklahoma State Treasure 25 years ago and has been named to the Oklahoma and Chickasaw Halls of Fame.

Te Ata was brought to life on stage by award-winning Chickasaw playwright JudyLee Oliva and directed by Native American scholar Dr. Christy Stanlake with music composed by Jan Seiden.

For more information on the life of Te Ata, visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Over 200 Chickasaw respond to Casting Call

CHICKASAW casting call

Eight-year-old Chickasaw Rachel Scott loves the movie "Pearl" and watches the Chickasaw production whenever she has an opportunity.

When she heard about the Chickasaw Nation Open Casting Call, the spunky third grader donned her lime green dress and headed to Ada with her family.

Rachel was one of 214 Chickasaws of all ages and talents who participated in the first-ever casting call, hosted by the Division of Communications June 28-30 at the McSwain Theatre.

Like Rachel, 11-year-old Dylan Darnell signed up for the casting call because "it's a good opportunity to get famous and be a movie star."

Dylan and his siblings Jaclyn, 13, and six-year-old Jessie, awoke early on a Saturday to travel from their hometown of Bristow, Okla., to Ada to participate in the modeling, voice and acting portion of the casting call.

The trio is now part of a database of Chickasaws who

would like to be included in movies, voiceovers, photo shoots and more, Division of Communications administrator Robyn Elliott said.

"Chickasaws are regularly needed for projects, including movies like 'Pearl,' television commercials and documentaries," Ms. Elliott said. "With this database, we will have a great resource that will allow us to include many Chickasaws in a variety of venues."

The Open Casting Call was not a competitive tryout. It was an opportunity for Chickasaws to be part of a large portfolio of potential actors, models and talent.

The call of Chickasaw talent drew people in from as far away as California, including rappers, comedians and actors.

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Jaclyn Darnell



Jessie Darnell



Rachel Scott



Dylan Darnell

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'Spirit of A Nation'

Annual Meeting, Chickasaw Festival set for Sept. 28-Oct. 6 in Tishomingo

The Spirit of the Chickasaw Nation will be celebrated at the 2012 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival. Activities begin with a Kullihoma stomp dance Friday, Sept. 28 and culminate Saturday, Oct. 6.

This year marks the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 24th Annual Chickasaw Festival.

The theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting and Festival is "Spirit of A Nation." Numerous events are planned for the week-long celebration of Chickasaw heritage, culture and spirit.

"Chickasaw people have always held fast to an unconquerable spirit throughout our historic journey," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We share a sense of pride in our culture and

heritage and wish to celebrate it with our friends and family during the Annual Meeting and Festival."

The Annual Meeting, highlighted by Gov. Anoatubby's State of the Nation Address, begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Immediately following the Governor's "State of the Nation" address, Tishomingo's Main Street will be the scene of the Festival Parade, one of the largest parades in the area.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout Tishomingo on October 6. The historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports

complex and other venues will serve as event hosts.

The Southeastern Art Show and Market will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the west Capitol grounds. A Chickasaw Press book signing will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

A traditional meal will be served and a health fair will begin at 11:45 a.m. on the Murray State College lawn.

A petting zoo, kids' activities and a "make-and-take tent" will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Tishomingo's Pennington Park.

Horseshoe tournament registration begins at noon at Pennington Park, and arts and crafts and food vendors will be located at the park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Stickball, Chickasaw Dance Troupe and cultural demonstrations will be ongoing on the west side of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol grounds. A Gospel Singing will run from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Oct. 6.

The Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla., will be open for tours from noon until 4 p.m., Oct. 6.

Other Events

Several other events are planned throughout the week, beginning with a traditional corn stalk shoot at 10 a.m. at Kullihoma and a golf tournament at Tishomingo Golf Course Friday, Sept. 28.

Junior Olympics, Senior Olympics and a co-ed softball tournament will be Saturday, Sept. 29 in Tishomingo. The

Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be Monday, Oct. 1 at the Cougar Activity Center in Ada.

The Arts and Culture Awards and Cultural Evening will be observed at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Thursday, Oct. 4.

For more information, including a schedule of events and vendor applications, visit www.chickasaw.net/annual-meeting or call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Event schedule is subject to change. Please visit often for the latest event updates.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules will be available in the Chickasaw Times September issue.

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Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year upcoming

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities by Sept. 10, 2012.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role-models to other

Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions that the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Only Chickasaw women, ages 35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) are eligible. Women who are currently serving as a Chickasaw elected official or in an appointed position of the Executive Branch are not eligible.

Women who are considered for this award are those who

are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival. The Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony will

be conducted Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The nomination form can be downloaded at www.chickasaw.net/ah.

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520, or email laura.clark@chickasaw.net or jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net

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Entries sought for Southeastern Art Show and Market; deadline for entries September 7

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The application deadline for the 2012 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo is Friday, Sept. 7.

More than \$20,000 in prize money will be awarded, including a \$3,000 cash prize for the "Best In Show" artist and \$1,000 in total prize money for youth winners. Adults and youth from any federally-recognized tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional or three-dimensional categories. Artists may enter up to

two works per category up to a total of four entries. The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 during the 2010-2011 school year. Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during the tribe's 52nd Annual Meeting and 24th Chickasaw Festival, the juried art competition and market will be conducted October 5-6 on the tribe's historic capitol grounds in Tishomingo.

SEASAM art awards will be presented at the Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony and

Reception at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Participating artists will display their work in the SEASAM tent from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, October 5 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 6. Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Dissertations, theses, articles, manuscripts eligible

Heritage Preservation Research Awards nominations now open

Nominations are being accepted for the 2012 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Research Awards. The awards recognize authors who document Chickasaw history and culture.

Authors of previously unpublished doctoral dissertations, master's theses, articles, and book manuscripts including an aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards. The following awards are being offered:

Award: Best Unpublished Ar-

ticle

Prize: Publication in the CHS Journal; Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center; \$1,000 Research Stipend

Award: Best M.A. Thesis

Prize: Visiting Scholar Fellowship; Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center; \$2,000 Research Stipend

Award: Best Ph.D. Dissertation

Prize: Visiting Scholar Fellowship; Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center; \$2,000 Research Stipend

Award: Best Unpublished Manuscript

Prize: The Holisso Award Publication by the Chickasaw Press; Lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center; \$2,000 Research Stipend

"This awards program is designed to encourage and inspire authors to expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

The awards will be presented during the Chickasaw Annual

Meeting and Festival Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw history and culture. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of footnotes, endnotes or a listing of sources.

Nominations must include two copies of the book manu-

script, dissertation, thesis, or unpublished article being nominated.

Entries should be submitted to Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of Division of History and Culture, Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, OK 73086.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is August 31.

For information, call (580) 622-7117.

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Silver Feather Award nominations accepted through August

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting nominations for the 2012 Silver Feather Award.

Created in 1999 to honor Chickasaws who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw language, culture and life ways, each Silver Feather recipient is held in the highest regard by the Chickasaw Nation.

Recipients are rare individuals who have taken steps to pass along their unique knowledge to a younger generation of Chickasaws. Likewise, they have committed to activities in their daily lives that promote a better understanding between

the Chickasaw people and the public at large.

The feather is one of the most honored gifts an Indian person can receive. Silver, because of its endurance and captivating shine that also caught the eye of Chickasaw ancestors over 500 years ago and became a much sought after trade item.

Recipients include the following individuals:

Adam Walker
Pauline Walker
Charlie Carter
Juanita Byars
Sim Greenwood
Geneva Holman
Leerene Frazier
Rose Jefferson

Stanley Smith

Marie Beck

Jerry Underwood

Catherine Pickens Willmond

Weldon Fulsom

Eligibility:

The Chickasaw Nation accepts nominations of living individuals who meet the eligibility requirements outlined below to be considered for the Silver Feather Award. Nominees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are ineligible. Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are ineligible for induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame while holding office.

Nominations must include the following information:

Name of Person Being Nominated (Include Maiden Name, if Applicable)

Contact Information for Nominee

Name and contact Information of Person submitting Nomination

Nominating Statement

Please provide a concise statement explaining why the nominee is deserving of the Silver Feather Award for the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw language, culture, and lifeways. The statement should include basic biographical information and detail rel-

evant experiences, accomplishments, etc.

Nominations for the 2012 award should be submitted by Aug. 31 to Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of Division of History and Culture, Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, OK 73086.

The 2012 award will be presented during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards, set for 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

For more information, please call (580) 622-7117.

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Application deadline is August 24

Chickasaw Princess Committee now accepting applications

ADA, Okla. – Three lucky young women will soon be crowned royalty during the 2012-2013 Chickasaw Princess Pageant Oct. 1. The deadline to apply for the one of the Chickasaw Princess vacancies is August 24.

Contestants will do their best to achieve either Chickasaw Princess, 17 to 25 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess, 12 to 16 years of age; or Little Miss Chickasaw, 7 to 11 years of age.

"The Chickasaw Nation has a long history of vibrant and dynamic women," said Gov. Bill

Anoatubby, "and our Chickasaw Princesses help carry on that tradition as ambassadors of goodwill for the Chickasaw people."

Applicants must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw, be a registered Chickasaw citizen, be the required age by the date of the pageant, never have been married, must not have any children, must never have served as a princess in the respective category, must have reliable transportation, abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol

and tobacco-related products during the reign as princess, attend public or private school and be working toward a diploma, be a high school graduate or employed. Contestants must also attend an orientation workshop and must provide their traditional dress.

The newly-crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across several states.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearanc-

es for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

The 2011-2012 Chickasaw royalty are Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Chickasaw Jr. Princess Raechele Meely, and Little Miss Chickasaw Keilyn Factor.

Applications may be picked up at the Youth and Family Services building on Seabrook Road in Ada or on the web at

www.chickasaw.net. Applications must then be returned to the Princess Program at the Division of Youth and Family Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820.

In addition to completing the application, princess hopefuls must write an essay, have three letters of reference from non-relatives and submit a 5x7 self-portrait.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, call (580) 272-5508.

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Research concludes tribe has \$2.4 billion annual impact

Oklahoma City University study reveals substantial economic impact of the Chickasaw Nation on Oklahoma's economy



The majestic Artesian Hotel in Sulphur is currently under construction. The Artesian is one of the tribe's projects to promote tourism in Oklahoma. When complete, the hotel will offer more than 80 guest rooms, retail shops, banquet facilities, a pool and spa and many other amenities.



Bank2, a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company, is the number one source of Native American home loans in the state of Oklahoma and a top leader in the nation. Bank2, located in Oklahoma City, celebrated its 10th anniversary this year.

OKLAHOMA CITY - According to a recent study, the Chickasaw Nation had an economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion on the Oklahoma economy in 2011.

The report, "Estimating the Oklahoma Economic Impact of the Chickasaw Nation," was recently released by the Steven C. Agee Economic Research & Policy Institute at Oklahoma City University. The report is part of a study estimating the statewide economic impact of all Indian tribes in Oklahoma.

"The results are nothing short of impressive, and they show that the Chickasaw Nation's economic activities and enterprises strongly bolster the state economy," said Kyle Dean, Ph.D., associate director and research economist at the Oklahoma City University

Meinders School of Business. "In fact, the analysis indicates the Chickasaw Nation's business enterprises generate \$1.39 billion in annual revenue and support over 16,000 direct and indirect tribal and non-tribal jobs, many in rural Oklahoma where steady quality jobs are not as plentiful.

"For this study, we employed a methodology designed to estimate the contribution of an existing industry to the local economy by analyzing expenditure flows between households and industries and capturing the reliance of one industry's output on other industries. Through its diversified enterprises, the study underscores that the Chickasaw Nation has become an integral part of Oklahoma's overall economy and is now among the



The Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, currently under construction at Interstate 35, Exit 55 in Murray County, will serve to encourage visitors to explore the pristine beauty, storied history and outstanding hospitality of Chickasaw Country. The 5,500 square-foot Welcome Center will feature a gift shop that offers original Chickasaw artwork, public restrooms, a dog park and a playground.



A rendering of new Bedre Fine Chocolates, currently under construction at Interstate 35, Exit 55, near Davis, Okla. The 34,600 square-foot Bedre' Chocolate Factory will feature visitor tours, a hands-on area for children and provide space for expansion of the Bedre' line.

top employers and purchasers of goods and services in the state."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the economic impact was a result of the tribe's overall mission.

"Economic development is a vital part of our core mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Long term thinking guides our various business enterprises along with our goal to have a positive social and economic impact across all of Oklahoma.

"Our economic activities are part of the economic fabric of the state, and the revenues generated through our various business enterprises allow us to invest in programs and services for the benefit of Chickasaw citizens and other

Oklahomans."

Oklahoma's Secretary of Commerce, Dave Lopez, said, "The economic impact analysis shows that the Chickasaw Nation, as well as the other Oklahoma tribal governments, has a significant and beneficial impact on Oklahoma's economy. As made evident by the results in the study, the Chickasaw Nation's business ventures are creating positive economic activity and producing new jobs." Gov. Anoatubby noted that job creation was an important facet of the tribe's mission.

"Offering meaningful employment opportunities is one of the best ways to enhance the quality of life," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Chickasaw Nation employees work in a wide variety of occupations and careers including education, medicine,

retail, manufacturing and hospitality, to name a few."

In addition to the \$1.39 billion generated from tribal business activities, which include manufacturing, banking, tourism, energy, health care, hospitality and entertainment, the study found the Chickasaw Nation contributes to the Oklahoma economy in multiple ways.

Additional economic contributions include \$119 million to Oklahoma entities for the purchase of goods and services. The Chickasaw Nation's government expenditures amounted to \$129 million in 2011. These expenditures funded programs and services in pursuit of increased medical care access, educational advancements, social services and economic development opportunities for Chickasaw Nation citizens in Oklahoma.

The tribe also contributed more than \$7 million toward road improvements in Oklahoma funded by the federal government roads program for Indian tribes.

The study also reported that the Chickasaw Nation employs over 10,000 people with \$318 million in direct payroll contributions. That makes the tribe the seventh-largest employer in Oklahoma, surpassing even the U.S. Postal Service. Multiplier effects of Chickasaw Nation operations helped create more than 5,900 additional jobs with a payroll of more than \$206 million. In total, tribal business and governmental operations resulted in \$525 million in income for Oklahoma workers.

"The reinvesting of revenues earned by the Chickasaw Nation in ventures is creating jobs and business opportunities across multiple sectors of Oklahoma's economy as well as insulating the state from downturns in the national economy," Dr. Dean noted. "Government expenditures are important during recessions and that is also why our Native American tribes are very important during recessions, because as businesses are cutting back

Connection to Native culture leads to meeting

Chinese Shaolin monks treasure gift of Chickasaw flute



David Butler, center, presents prayer beads from the Shaolin Temple in China to Jack Pettigrew, left, and Wendell Pettigrew.

For Chickasaws Jack and Wendell Pettigrew, making flutes was as natural a part of growing up as making their own fishing poles.

"When you'd go fishing, you didn't go out and buy a fancy fishing pole," Jack Pettigrew said. "You got a cane pole and put a line on it and that's how you fished. You would make flutes out of cane or whatever you could find. They would even use stalks of castor beans."

At the time, the brothers

would have never imagined one of their flutes would be presented to a Chinese monastery.

Today, Jack and Wendell Pettigrew, owners of JW Custom Flutes, are known for making musical instruments that are also fine works of art.

For David Butler, one of those flutes served as a ticket into a Shaolin Monastery in China.

Mr. Butler was planning to visit relatives in China, and hoped to meet with the abbot or one of the monks at the

monastery near Zhengzhou, China during his trip.

While the temple is well known for the Kung Fu martial arts style practiced by the monks there, Mr. Butler said it was even better known for Chen Buddhism.

"There are Kung Fu tourists who go there," he said. "But to a lot of people this abbott is like the Pope, because this temple is the birthplace of that style of Buddhism."

As a student of Kung Fu, Mr. Butler said he recognized similarities between Chen Buddhism practiced by Shaolin monks and the Native American culture he is familiar with through friends like the Pettigrews.

"I'm not a student of Buddhism or anything, but I've always felt a connection to Native Americans and to the Shaolin," said Mr. Butler. "I've found my spirituality through a connection to nature. I've found a lot of similarity to that with Native Americans."

"So that is what gave me the idea of taking a Native American gift over there. I knew it would be something that

would be new to them that they wouldn't have, but at the same time, it would be something familiar and it would be a really neat connection."

As it happens, his idea of presenting a Chickasaw flute as a gift opened the door to the monastery.

"It was just kind of a spur of the moment thought before I left - maybe I should take them a gift kind of thing," said Mr. Butler. "It turns out if I hadn't come up with that idea, if I hadn't thought about it, I never would have even been able to talk to the Shaolin."

Knowing he wanted a very special flute for the presentation, he went to his friends Jack and Wendell Pettigrew.

"I was blown away by the flutes he showed me," said Mr. Butler. "But there was no way I could afford anything like that. So I purchased a small one."

Thinking he would have to make do with the smaller flute, Mr. Butler was about to drive away when Jack Pettigrew stopped him to offer a larger flute as a gift.

"I felt that giving (the abbot) a traditional flute would be more appropriate," said Jack. "So we thought it would be nice to just present him with a flute with a Chickasaw design."

Design elements included a wolf, paw prints, the Southeastern symbol representing water, bead work made of porcupine

quills and an eagle. Wendell said some of the design elements came from the mounds in the Chickasaw homelands.

"This flute that he gave me was museum quality," said Mr. Butler. "It just blew me away. It was absolutely beautiful."

While Mr. Butler was pleased he had a fine gift to present to the temple, there was some doubt he would ever get to make the presentation. When he first made the request to present a gift to the temple, his tour guide was very skeptical about his chances of meeting with one of the monks.

"She called back after she got the message and said that she didn't think that would be possible," said Mr. Butler. "She had been doing the tours for 12 years and she had never talked to the Shaolin directly."

"She said 'they are really busy and don't concern themselves with tourists. The students are the ones who do the Kung-Fu display. You probably won't even see a real Shaolin.'"

While Butler was disappointed, he persisted.

"Then I told her it was a Native American gift from the Chickasaw Nation and I had made a promise to put it into the hands of a Shaolin monk and I wanted to make sure it got to the temple," he said. "I want to present it to the temple. It doesn't have to be the

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- Visit ChickasawKids.com and explore Chickasaw history, traditions and culture.
- ChickasawKids.com features games, activities, recipes and printable coloring sheets.
- The website serves as a teaching tool for Chickasaw youth.
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their expenditures, tribes are continuing to provide a continuous stream of economic activity that is beneficial to the state."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, said tribal economies had been largely responsible for the economic resurgence in Oklahoma.

"The biggest single difference between now and the 1980s when we were just devastated in Oklahoma has been the rise of tribal economies as a force for hiring Oklahomans," said Rep. Cole.

Bill Lance is administra-

tor of the Chickasaw Nation's Division of Commerce, which oversees more than 60 businesses owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation.

"We are focused on growing our existing businesses and investing in new ventures with strong revenue and growth potential," Mr. Lance said. "To that end, we are committed to operating our diversified business enterprises in a responsible and sustainable manner to make sure we continue to strengthen our state's economy through sound investments and job creation."

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David Butler presents the Chickasaw flute to a monk at the Shaolin temple near Zhengzhou, China.

abbott, but I would like it to be the abbot.

“She said ‘I have a number for the abbot’s secretary. I can call and see what happens.’”

Within an hour, the tour guide called back to say the abbot was very excited about the gift. While the abbot was out of the country, he asked if Mr. Butler could delay his departure so the abbot could receive the gift personally.

When Butler told her that was not possible, the abbot appointed one of the monks to receive the gift. That monk brought a gift of prayer beads for Mr. Butler in exchange.

“I had a letter I had written out about the flute,” said Mr. Butler. “My wife had translated it into Chinese. I printed it in both English and Chinese and gave it to them. The interpreter was telling them a little about the flute.

“The monk said it was a great honor for the temple to receive the gift. He said they felt a connection with the Native Americans. They believe the Native Americans and the Chinese share common ancestors.”

When they went outside the temple to exchange gifts, Mr. Butler received an impromptu Kung Fu demonstration of sorts.

“The monk was going to put the beads in my hands and a tourist kind of pushed in between us and was going to try to snatch the beads, because he thought it was one of the vendors dressed like a monk,” said Mr. Butler. “I learned one thing – never try to snatch anything from a Shaolin monk.

“There was this blur – he spun the guy around and headed him down the stairs and the bracelet was on my hand

before I knew what happened,” he said with a chuckle.

When Mr. Butler returned, he presented the prayer beads to Jack and Wendell Pettigrew, who said that it gave them a sense of satisfaction to know that their work is in a place of prominence in the temple in China.

“I’ve always had this feeling that you’ve got to make your mark on this life somewhere,” said Jack. “That’s one of the reasons we do this art work. You want to leave your mark on life somewhere.”

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Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Education, heritage, health care investment top \$42 million

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$21.3 million for the month and \$123.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$12.1 million for the month and \$77.7 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through June totaled \$836.1 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$223.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$106.4 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$181.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$20.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$178.9 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2012

Revenues	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	
Total funds available	
Expenditures	
General government	
Legislature	
Judiciary	
Education	
Heritage Preservation	
Health	
Youth and Family Services	
Nutrition Programs	
Regulatory	
Assistance Programs	
Gaming expense	
Other businesses' expense	
Total expenditures	
Increase in net assets	
Beginning net assets	
Ending net assets	

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2012

Cash and Investments	
Receivables	
Inventory	
Prepaid expenses	
Other Assets	
Fixed assets	
Less payables	
Net Assets	

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
6,336,793	836,161,963	842,498,756
117,318,027	(117,318,027)	-
123,654,820	718,843,936	842,498,756
Expenditures		
8,918,885		8,918,885
1,854,429		1,854,429
744,740		744,740
14,717,456		14,717,456
10,609,006		10,609,006
17,128,580		17,128,580
6,525,291		6,525,291
4,256,150		4,256,150
5,816,446		5,816,446
7,144,597		7,144,597
	449,257,183	449,257,183
	163,144,316	163,144,316
77,715,581	612,401,499	690,117,079
45,939,239	106,442,438	152,381,677
595,076,108	680,428,193	1,275,504,301
641,015,347	786,870,631	1,427,885,978

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
181,153,959	178,904,334	360,058,292
35,551,760	54,978,556	90,530,316
131,093	6,696,491	6,827,583
	18,909,544	18,909,544
	2,482,138	2,482,138
426,752,526	658,156,439	1,084,908,965
(2,573,990)	(133,256,870)	(135,830,860)
641,015,347	786,870,631	1,427,885,978

Tribal internship program gives fundamental support to young Chickasaws



University of Missouri student Paige Wheeler interned in both marketing groups within the Chickasaw Nation.



Aspiring surgeon Benjamin "BJ" Lee blazed a trail as the Surgery Center's first student intern.

The Chickasaw Nation internship program is made for motivated college students.

Young Chickasaw leaders learn government, community and business relationships. They get a first-hand view of what it takes to be highly effective ambassadors and real-world problem solvers.

Since 2004, the Chickasaw Nation has prepared and empowered its young leaders by providing hands-on workplace experience. That is the tribal internship program.

Making a little money, gaining lots of experience

Interns are paid a bi-weekly salary and travel expenses.

Student resumes are reviewed by various organizations seeking interns and selections are made based on an

individual's chosen course of study.

Internships must be in an area or field closely related to the applicant's educational path.

"We give these students an opportunity to get first-hand experience, so when they graduate, they can compete for real-world jobs," explained Chenae Lippard, Division of Education Special Assistant.

"Once they get their feet in the door, these organizations are able to see what they have to offer," Mrs. Lippard said, "It's working very successfully. Three of our D.C. interns have actually moved there and gotten jobs."

With more than 30 students participating in the most recent semester, the program

continues to grow, providing opportunities for more young Chickasaw citizens to gain valuable and applicable experience.

Due in part to the current economic climate, today's college graduates face an increasingly competitive job market. Securing post-graduation employment is a challenge.

Gaining the real-world experience can be a big "leg up" in finding employment following graduation.

Placement in applicable disciplines

Depending on a student's major and available internship positions, an intern can be placed at Bureau of Indian Affairs Headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Department of Energy, the National Transportation Safety Board, Chickasaw Nation divisions in the Ada-area and a range of other Chickasaw-owned or Chickasaw-related businesses and organizations.

During this summer semester, Paige Wheeler, 20-year-old University of Missouri student and granddaughter of 2010 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee, Margaret Roach Wheeler, had the opportunity to work for both the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

A journalism student spe-

cializing in strategic communications, Ms. Wheeler worked in the marketing departments of both areas.

"It's not only the experience itself," she said of her time in the internship program, "It's given me more confidence. When I go back to class, I'm going to be able to see things from a real-world perspective."

Ms. Wheeler learned about the internship program from her older brother, a former participant and current tribal employee.

"I would tell anyone who could do it to make the best of the opportunity," Ms. Wheeler said.

New venues open and applications grow

According to Mrs. Lippard, as the program gains traction and more students apply, a number of new placement locations are becoming available.

In June, the Surgery Center at the Chickasaw Medical Center brought on Benjamin "BJ" Lee, 18, as the department's first intern.

Mr. Lee, a dual-major, studying business and pre-med at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla., said, "From my experience, there's no way you can get this anywhere else. It's an absolutely amazing program."

While the knowledge he ac-

quired will serve him professionally for years to come, Mr. Lee also appreciated the opportunity to give back to the Chickasaw Nation.

"In my short life, the Chickasaw Nation has given me so much, and I have loved giving back and serving my people," he said.

Fall application deadline is September 1

Deadline for participation in the upcoming fall semester internship program is fast-approaching. All applicant information and paperwork due by September 1.

To qualify for eligibility, students must be Chickasaw citizens and full-time college students. They must also have completed one year of college, be age 18 to 25, and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Prospective participants must provide a Chickasaw citizenship card, professional resume, most recent college transcript, two letters of recommendation and a short essay outlining educational goals, professional aspirations, and why they would like to participate in the internship program.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or call Chenae Lippard at (580) 421-7711.

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Young Chickasaws learn 'real world' through summer program



D'Angelo Dunn, 17, brushes up on his phone skills during his fourth year in the Summer Youth program.



Daniel Mead, 17, works at the McSwain Theater during the eight-week Summer Youth program.

For more than 25 years, the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program has had an impact on young people and employers in south central Oklahoma.

This year, more than 600 Indian youth, ages 14 to 21, gained valuable work experience, tutoring, job search

training and the opportunity to earn money through this summer program.

The Summer Youth program provides thousands of hours of

quality, no-cost labor to dozens of employers in the tribe's 13-county area.

"The Summer Youth program is a great opportunity for students to learn real world work experience in their field of interest," said Debra Bittle of the Chickasaw Nation Ada Area Office. "We are excited to offer this resource to aid youth in making choices about their career path."

Functioning in real world workplaces, summer workers are able to learn the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Students are placed in work environments that include tribal operations, health systems, business or service in the non-profit sector. Experiences include employment in a trade or field based on the student's future goals and interest, depending

on availability.

The program is offered at no cost to outside employers.

D'Angelo Dunn, 17, is a typical participant in the program. He has spent four summers working in the Chickasaw Nation graphics department.

"This is the fourth year I have participated in Summer Youth," D'Angelo said. "I have learned light office skills, things like answering the phones and document scanning. This has been a good learning experience. I plan on using these skills when I open my own orthodontist office."

In addition to the real world environment with peer mentors, students receive job shadowing experience and work place etiquette skills. If needed, participants may also receive additional tutoring in

math and reading to improve their skill levels and better prepare them for future employment.

"The Summer Youth program has helped me with my social skills," said Daniel Mead, 17, who is currently working at the McSwain Theater as a concession worker. "I deal with people every day as I go about my duties."

Daniel is one of many who plan on continuing to work for the tribe when the summer ends.

"I hope I can continue to work weekends at the McSwain when the summer ends. If not, I will definitely be back next year."

For more information, contact any of the Chickasaw Nation Area Offices, or call (580) 436-7256.

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Number 6 on list; Rep. Cole included

Gov. Anoatubby among 'Top 50 Most Powerful Oklahomans'



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY



U.S. REP. TOM COLE

Gov. Bill Anoatubby is a 2012 member of "The 50 Most Powerful Oklahomans," an annual survey conducted by an Oklahoma City newspaper.

Gov. Anoatubby was number six on the list of the state's most powerful people. Also making the list was Chickasaw and U.S. Congressman Tom Cole.

"The 50 Most Powerful Oklahomans" list is produced by *Oklahoma City Friday*, a well-respected community weekly newspaper. *Oklahoma City Friday* each year sends out 200 ballots statewide to prominent Oklahoma leaders seeking their rankings of the state's most powerful men and wom-

en.

This year marks the 15th year of the survey.

Gov. Anoatubby has served as chief executive of the Chickasaw Nation since 1988. He had previously served as the tribe's Lieutenant Governor, beginning in 1975.

Gov. Anoatubby has overseen monumental growth in the Chickasaw Nation, its programs and services, and its commercial interests.

The influence of the tribe in tribal, state and national arenas has grown dramatically in the past 24 years. The Chickasaw Nation is an acknowledged leader among federally-recognized tribes, and Gov. Ano-

tubby's counsel is regularly sought regarding a host of issues.

In addition to his duties as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Gov. Anoatubby serves his tribe, his state and his country in numerous capacities.

He currently serves on the board of directors of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Integrus Health, Inc.; Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.; Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce; Harold Hamm Diabetes Center; Oklahoma Heritage Association; Oklahoma Business Roundtable; and the American Indian Graduate Center.

He serves as chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority.

He is a member of the National Congress of American Indians; the Arkansas Riverbed Authority; the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes; and the Oklahoma Academy of State Goals.

Gov. Anoatubby has been honored with numerous awards including the International Economic Development Council Leadership Award for Public Service; U.S. Small Business Administration Minority Advocate of the Year; Leader-

ship Oklahoma's Distinguished Graduate; American Indian Exposition Indian of the Year; Oklahoma Conference on Aging Lifetime Achievement Award; and Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council Humanitarian of the Year.

In 2004, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

U.S. Rep. Cole represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District. He was originally elected to the U.S. Congress in 2002.

Rep. Cole serves on the House Appropriations Committee. He serves as a Deputy Whip for the Republican Conference and is a member of the Republican Steering Committee.

He has served as executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee; Republican National Committee chief of staff; and chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Rep. Cole is a former college professor and holds a Ph.D. in British History from the University of Oklahoma.

He received the Congressional Leadership Award from the National Congress of American Indians in 2007, and was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2004.

The top five "50 Most Powerful Oklahomans" include

Devon Energy chairman Larry Nichols; Chesapeake Energy chairman Aubrey McClendon; Oklahoma City Thunder chairman Clay Bennett; Continental Resources CEO Harold Hamm; and University of Oklahoma president David Boren.

Gov. Anoatubby and Oklahoma State University Burns Hargis tied in the sixth spot.

The 50 Most Powerful Oklahomans include: Larry Nichols, Aubrey McClendon, Clay Bennett, Harold Hamm, David Boren, Burns Hargis, Bill Anoatubby, Tom Ward, Mary Fallin, Gene Rainbolt, Tom Coburn, John Richels, Mick Cornett, George Kaiser, Tom Cole, Tom Love, Jim Inhofe.

James Lankford, Jim Couch, Roy Williams, Christy Everest, David Green, David Rainbolt, Robert Henry, Carl Edwards, Cliff Hudson, Glen Johnson, Robert Lorton, Pete Delaney, Ron Norick, Lee Allen Smith, Barry Switzer.

Tom McDaniel, George Records, Bruce Lawrence, Kris Steele, Bill Cameron, Todd Lamb, Jeff Records, Dewey Bartlett Jr., Fred Hall, Christopher Reen, Ed Martin, Bryan Gonterman, Bob Stoops, George Nigh, Russell Perry, Richard Sias, Brad Krieger, Mike Turpen.

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Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections*:

During the month of August, *Connections* will feature area nonprofits that are making a difference in the community.

"The Ada Regional United Way"— August 1

Ada Regional United Way is a nonprofit organization supporting local health and

human service programs in our community. United Way strives to improve the lives of local residents by raising funds through an annual community wide campaign.

"Big Five Community Services"— August 8

Big Five Community Services, Inc. provides services in Bryan, Carter, Coal, Love and Pontotoc counties, with some services extending to several additional counties in Central and South Central Oklahoma. Big Five's purpose is to identify, address and eradicate the causes and conditions of poverty within its service area.

"Boy Scouts of America Arbuckle Council"— August 15

The mission of the Boy Scouts is "To prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over the course of their lifetime by instilling in them the value of the Scout Oath and Law." The Arbuckle Council serves the counties of Pontotoc, Murray, Johnston, Garvin, Coal, Atoka, Carter, Love and Marshall.

"Ada Boys and Girls Club"— August 22

The Boys and Girls Club offers age-appropriate activities for youth and provides a safe place where young people are free from the negative influences within the environment around them.

"Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition"— August 29

The Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition is a local group of volunteer community members collaborating efforts to prevent substance abuse and promote recovery.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

This month on CNTV

• Groundbreakings and Ribbon Cuttings

New facilities are in development throughout the Chickasaw Nation. Find what's new in the August episodes of CNTV.

• Summer Youth Camps

CNTV wraps up summer youth camp coverage this month. CNTV will take you to various Chickasaw Nation camps that cover the arts, sports and language skills in fun and exciting ways.

• Young Artists

CNTV will also feature two young Chickasaw artists who had their work featured in New York City earlier this spring.

...and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Career Development Initiative (CDI) now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps citizens who have a barrier to employment gain full time employment.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

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Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

New shipment of Southwest watches, rings, jewelry and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

BIRTHDAY



Levi Ellis

Chickasaw citizen celebrated his 11th birthday with cake and soda pop at Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla., with his family and friends. He later hosted a swimming party with his buddies.

Levi is the son of Bo and Amie Ellis.

He is the grandson of Rita and Doug Loder and the great-grandson of Estelline Jackson.



Isaac Egge-Ogas

Watch out world, another teenager! Isaac Egge-Ogas turned thirteen July 20, 2012. His family treated him to movies, bowling and "eats" in Deming, N.M.

Isaac is the son of Callie and Mario Ogas, of Hanover, N.M.

He is the grandson of Walt and Val (Jack) Egge, of Hurley, N.M.

BIRTH



Paige Olivia Henry

Paige Olivia Henry was born at 2:23 a.m., January 26, 2012 at Houston, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 19 ½ inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Michael and Marcie Henry, of Cypress, Texas.

She is the first granddaughter of Dennis and Cheryl Thompson, of Newcastle, Okla., and Kenneth and Wei Henry, of Katy, Texas.

Barret Icenhour graduates preschool



Barret James Icenhour

Barret James Icenhour graduated from K4 at St. Matthias Lutheran Preschool June 5, 2012. He was a student of Miss Heather McConnell. He learned to read independently this year when he was only four years old. His favorite subject is math. He plans to become a train engineer when he grows up and attend Oklahoma State University.

He is the son of Brad and Brooke Icenhour.

To celebrate his graduation his parents hosted an outdoor party and barbecue at their home the weekend before his graduation with more than 40 family members, friends and classmates attending to congratulate Barret on his graduation.

Barret is a member of Easley (SC) First Baptist Church. He belongs to the K4 Sunday School class, Preschool Learners Choir and Mission Friends. He enjoys playing tball for the Easley Little League.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Allison and Natalie Keel

Chickasaw sisters team up in tennis doubles; take runner-up spot at Oklahoma state 4A tournament

Chickasaw sisters paired up to claim a runner-up spot at the Oklahoma 4A State Tennis Championships in May.

Allison and Natalie Keel teamed up to form one of Oklahoma's top Class 4A girls number one doubles teams. The sisters played for Ada High School where Allison was a senior and Natalie a freshman.

The girls' high school coach, Skip Griesse, took a gamble by putting the experienced Allison with her freshman sister Natalie.

But the gamble paid off in a big way.

"They were a good combination," Coach Griesse said. "It was an experiment at first to see if they would get along on the court. After watching them in practice, there was no doubt they would be a good team."

The Keel sisters marched their way through the Spring 4A tournaments on the road to the State Tennis Championships. At the state tournament, the Keels didn't lose a set as they moved through the number one doubles bracket. They would face perennial power Metro Christian in the state finals.

The Keels started the match strong winning the first set 6-4. But things went awry

when the powerful Metro Christian duo of Becky Orr and Becca Richardson reeled off 11 straight games to win the second set 6-0, and hold a commanding 5-0 lead in the third set.

But the Keel sisters once again caught fire. After dodging match point in the sixth game and breaking Orr's serve, Allison and Natalie rattled off five straight games to knot the third set at 5-5. The set would soon move to 6-6 and a tie-breaker.

The Keels ended up with a runner-up finish, losing the tie-breaker 7-4. But the comeback effort left the Metro Christian champs drained.

"That was one of the best comebacks I've seen," Coach Griesse said. "It just came up a little short. 'I'm very proud of these girls. We saw state tournament tennis at its very finest.'"

Allison finished her high school tennis career with a 95-25 record. She was a three-time regional champion. Following the state tournament, Allison was named to the East squad for this summer's All-State Games in Tulsa.

Allison and Natalie are the daughters of Jay and Donna Keel, of Ada.



Kaylee Shea Davis

Chickasaw soccer player big scorer at Region III Premier League tourney

A Chickasaw soccer player was recently one of the top scorers in a Southern regional tournament.

Kaylee Shea Davis, 14, of Allen, Texas, scored six goals during the Region III Premier League soccer tournament in Greenville, S.C. Kaylee's team, Liverpool Elite 98, made it to the regional finals after competing in a tough bracket of Southern teams. Liverpool lost in the regional finals to Tennessee, 2-0.

Liverpool competed against the best U14 girls teams from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Arkansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Texas.

Liverpool made it to the Region III tournament by winning the North Texas State Cup Tournament in May.

Kaylee has been playing soccer since age five. She will be a freshman at Allen High School where she will play on the soccer team and run track. Her dream is to play for a Division 1 college team and on the U.S. Women's National Team.

Kaylee is also a good student and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Kaylee is the daughter of Scott and Tiffany Davis, of Allen. She is the granddaughter of Tia Juana Perkins, of Ada, Okla. Her uncle is Chickasaw legislator Toby Perkins, of Ada.



Makenzie Rae Brown

OCU freshman named NAIA All-American

A Chickasaw track and field athlete recently made an exceptional showing at a national collegiate meet.

Makenzie Rae Brown, a freshman at Oklahoma Christian University, finished sixth in the discus at the NAIA Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships. She posted a career-best mark of 147', 4".

With her performance, Makenzie was named to the NAIA All-America team.

Makenzie also plays for the Oklahoma Christian varsity women's basketball team.

She was an All-State high school basketball player at Savanna (OK) High School, where she was a four-year starter.

As a high school senior, she made the All-State track team by winning the discus at the 2A state track meet.

She is a biology major at Oklahoma Christian.

Makenzie is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Skaggs Brown, of Savanna. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Mary Skaggs, of Durant, Okla., and Joe and Rocky Brown, of Savanna.

Annual Colbert Reunion set for September 7 in Tuscumbia, Alabama

TUSCUMBIA, Ala. - The Annual Colbert Reunion is set for 6 p.m., Sept. 7, 2012 at the Roundhouse, Tuscumbia Depot Museum.

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish. "The Return Walk to Tuscumbia," a film by Angela Broyles, will be shown.

The Roundhouse is located behind the Tuscumbia Railway Museum at the corner of Fifth and Water Streets in Tuscumbia.

Alyxandria Rae Ingram signs softball letter of intent with Rose State College



Sitting from left, Darrin Ingram, Alyx Ingram and Alisa Ingram. Back row, standing from left, Rose State head coach, Nikkie Williams, Sha Ingram, assistant coach Travis Murie, and Tristan Ingram.

A Chickasaw softball player has recently signed a letter of intent to play college softball at an Oklahoma institution.

Alyxandria Rae Ingram signed a letter in June committing her to play for Rose State College, Midwest City, Okla.

Alyx played her high school softball for Blanchard (OK) High School. She also played competitive summer softball on a traveling club team.

She has won several state, national and world series titles and is looking forward to play-

ing for the Rose State Raiders.

Alyx is the daughter of Darrin and Alisa Ingram, of Blanchard. She is the granddaughter of James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Okla., and Mary Bank and Randy Attocknie, of Oklahoma City, and the late Patricia (Duran) Attocknie, of Ohkay Owinge.

Alyx has two siblings, Tristan and Sha Ingram.

Alyx is of Chickasaw, Comanche and Ohkay Owinge Pueblo descent.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

After having spent the last six weeks in the Chickasaw Hospital, I would like to share my thoughts on the hospital. I was treated for an infection after knee replacement. Hooked to an IV for the total time I was there.

The Nursing Staff was absolutely wonderful in the duties they performed. I never wanted for anything as they were asking me continually how I was doing. The nurses went way beyond what I would have ever

expected from them.

The doctor staff performed in the same manor as the nurses. Always on top of my health issues before I even knew I had a health issue! They should all be commended for the service they provide daily.

The physical therapy group, house keeping, food service, the entire staff at this hospital was nothing short of wonderful and they should all be recognized for the services they perform every day.

Gary Crittenden

saw, Creek and Cherokee Indians were loaded onto flatboats and steamboats to be Removed to Indian Territory. From the landing, the group will walk two miles along a known Removal route back to Spring Park in Tuscumbia.

Please join us for the 10th anniversary of the Walk of Life!

For more information, please call Annie Cooper at (256) 381-0700.



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby with team "Lil Shades of Red." Back row, from left, Osahwv Vcule Frazier, Ryan Tilley, Jayce Cravens, Jacob Birdshead, Andrea Davis, and Coach Chad Smith. Front Row, from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Kanan Wisdom, Kele Parnacher, Sefuan White, and Jairus Smith. Not pictured, Kylan Southers.

'Lil Shades of Red' basketball team wins silver medal at Jim Thorpe Native American Games

"Lil Shades of Red" Oklahoma boys basketball team recently won the silver medal at the 16-and-under boys basketball tournament at the Jim Thorpe Native American Games Oklahoma City, June 11-15.

The team consists of Native boys of the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole tribes from the Ada and Seminole areas.

"Lil Shades of Red" presented its Jim Thorpe trophy to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. It is currently displayed at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada, Okla.

During the Jim Thorpe games, the boys played some very talented teams. The "Shades" bet two out-of-state teams twice to advance to the finals. There they were

defeated by a team from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe of El Reno, Okla.

The team is coached by Chickasaw citizen Chad Smith.

The team played at the Jim Thorpe tournament to honor the memory Rev. Jeff Frazier, who passed away earlier this year.

"Lil Shades of Red" team members are following the legends of the older "Shades of Red" teams in which Mr. Frazier started back in the 1970s while he was a college student.

The "Shades of Red" team is known all over Oklahoma for the many successful titles of winning in basketball or softball including the All-State Indian Tournaments in basketball and softball.

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

The council was honored with a visit from four of our legislators at our July 14 meeting at the mountain home of Stephen and Lisa Bingham in Golden, Colo.

Scott Colbert (Tishomingo District, seat 1), Connie Barker (Pickens District, seat 2), Shana Tate Hammond (Pickens District, seat 4) and Nancy Elliott (Pontotoc District, seat 2) traveled to speak with Colorado At-Large citizens about the evolution and future of the Chickasaw Nation. Each legislator gave a short talk and was available for question-and-answer time.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a pot luck lunch and informal visiting with the legislators and

our other visitors, Lynie Richardson (legislative assistant) and Jade Eason (community outreach).

Their visit and words have helped reassure the Colorado Chickasaws present that Chickasaw citizens-at-large are valued members of the Chickasaw Nation.

If you are an at-large citizen in Colorado, and were not at our picnic, we are sorry you were unable to attend this meeting. To other at-large citizens, if you are interested in finding a local council so that you can enjoy this type of meeting, you can contact the Chickasaw Community Council Liaison at (580) 332-1165.



From left, Bob Pfaff, husband of Betty (Blevins) Pfaff; Margaret (Blevins) McKinzie, of Pauls Valley, Okla.; Betty (Blevins) Pfaff, of Clearwater, Fla.; Kenneth Blevins, of Waurika, Okla.; Lawanna Blevins, wife of Kenneth Blevins; and seated, Camille (Blevins) Phillips, of Ada, Okla.

Blevins Family celebrates reunion in Pauls Valley

On June 30, 2012 the family of W.C. and Elsie Blevins had a family reunion in the new Donald W. Reynolds Recreation Center in Pauls Valley, Okla. W.C. is an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Rolls.

Attendees included: Camille Blevins Phillips, of Ada, Okla., and family; Dale Phillips, of McLoud, Okla.;

Wade and Reed Phillips and Vicki Phillips Kelly, all of Ada.

Margaret Blevins McKinzie, of Pauls Valley and family; Mike McKinzie, Brandon and Marie McKinzie, Dayton and Cooper, Melissa McKinzie Saunders, Nate and Kyli.

Doug and Pamela McKinzie Caldwell, of Pauls Valley, and family; Shane and Lanelle

Caldwell and Mason and Reid; Randi and Madie Caldwell; Tony and Dawana Caldwell, Jaycee and Dugan, Silas Caldwell and Shawwna Barton.

Brenda McKinzie Winters, of Ardmore, Okla., Haliagh and Cohen.

Kenneth and LaWanna Blevins, of Waurika, Okla., and family; Steve and Rhonda

Blevins, of Ardmore, and Taylor, Stephanie and Wyatt.

Nancy and Jerry Howell, of Lawton, Okla., Jordan and Cody Cook and Zachary Howell.

Robert and Betty Blevins Pfaff, of Clearwater, Fla.; Shirley Bradford and Donnie Ursery, of Bakersfield, Calif.; Charlotte and Jack Dick, of Yucca Valley, Calif.

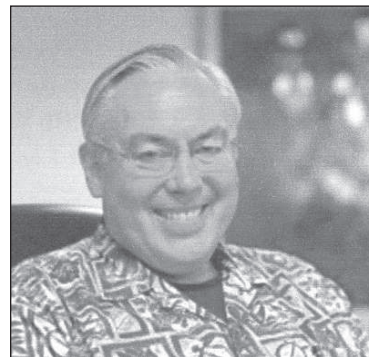
Charles and Linda Ringer, of Stratford, Okla., Keith Ringer, Randa Jordan and Makayla and Sam Juarez, of Bakersfield.

Kathy and Larry Cloud, of Shafter, Calif., and family; Troy and Tracy Cloud, of Wagoner, Okla., Troy Cloud, Jr., Ashli Mapson, Mandi and Kylie.

Pam and Randy Peterson, of Bakersfield, and son Tyler; Richard Ringer, of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Diana and Rod Fitzgerald, of Duncan, Okla., and family; Cody James and Braden Tullous.

Sherri and Emily Faulk, Jennifer Frye, Gabe, Russ and Jude, all of Duncan, Okla.

Jimmie Don Hurst, Hallie, Keyleigh and Bristol Hurst, of Duncan; Bill and Mandy Tullous, of Duncan, and Allison, Bryson and Braden Tullous.



Gary Sandefur

Chickasaw dean leaving post at UW-Madison

A Chickasaw professor will soon step down from his post as a college dean.

Gary Sandefur currently serves as dean of the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Sandefur has held the post since 2004, and will step down in 2013.

Following a year dedicated to research, he will return to the UW faculty in the Department of Sociology.

Dr. Sandefur has led a college that houses 40 departments, 60 interdisciplinary research centers and five professional schools across the arts and humanities, physical and nat-

ural sciences, and the social sciences.

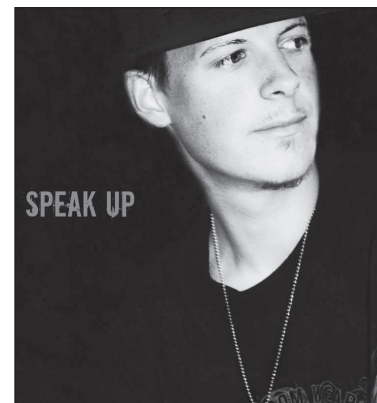
Prior to his deanship, Dr. Sandefur was a professor of sociology, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, interim provost and director of the American Indian Studies Program.

Dr. Sandefur and his wife, Kathy, plan to return to Oklahoma following his retirement.

In Oklahoma, he plans to write a sequel to "And Still the Waters Run," a 1940 book detailing the Removal challenges faced by the Five Civilized Tribes.

The story of the tribes' resurgence, Dr. Sandefur said, will be the focus of the sequel.

"I've always wanted to do it, I just haven't had the time," he said.



Aaron Ray

Christian rapper in debut music video

Chickasaw and Christian rap artist Aaron Ray will soon release a debut music video.

Shot by IAmNex Films in conjunction with IAmNex Records, the video is titled "Speak Up."

The video is the story of a teenage girl who is subjected to peer pressure that moves her to drugs and alcohol. The video, Aaron said, was produced to send a message to teens to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

The Stratford (OK) EMS and Police Department assisted in the video's production. Performers from the Ada, Stratford, Sulphur and Shawnee areas are featured in the video.

Aaron and IAm Records will announce the date of release and location of the release party at a future date. Videos and CDs may be ordered from Jane Wilkerson at (405) 213-3005 or (580) 759-6448.

You may visit Aaron's website at www.facebook.com/aaronray4mstratford

NEWS FROM LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW



Ke-Ke Factor
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma! My name is Ke-Ke Factor, and I am the 2011-2012 Little Miss Chickasaw. I hope everyone is having a great summer!

I am having a busy and fun summer, traveling with my

princess sisters Nacobi and Raechell. During the past few months we've attended the Miss Indian World Pageant, participated in the grand entries at both the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, and the 26th Annual Red Earth Native American Festival in Oklahoma City. We rode in the Red Earth parade and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade. I enjoy the parades because I get to greet and wave to everyone, especially the elders and kids my own age.

The end of June we attended the American Indian luncheon hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) event in Washington D.C.

We have also performed at several Chickasaw events, most recently at the opening ceremony of the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA), where I am a student.

I would like to thank our

Chickasaw Honor Guard for always being gracious to us whenever we are performing at the same events. Everyone has been kind and friendly wherever we go.

The pageant for Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess, and Little Miss Chickasaw is closely approaching. I encourage all you young ladies to think about running for princess.

This is an opportunity to be an ambassador for our unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation, as well as be a role model to all young children.

It's an experience you'll always cherish. I love being Little Miss Chickasaw!

Yakoke!
Ke-Ke Factor
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Spiveys celebrate 60th wedding anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Tankie Spivey

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Tankie Spivey celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 18.

They were married June 18, 1952 at the home of Tankie's late parents, Hubert and Winona Spivey, by Bro. Joe Hazlitt in Courtney (Belleville), Okla.

Peggy is the daughter of the late John and Velma Dewbre. Courtney has been the couple's home for most of their 60 years where Tankie has been a farmer and rancher. Peggy has been a homemaker and was employed by Marietta Sportswear for 23 years.

The couple has two children, Jonette Spivey Gadd, married to Ben Gadd, and Langdon Spivey. They celebrated a double anniversary with



Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Tankie Spivey

granddaughter Jennnifer and husband, Andrew Snow, with a small family party.

Honor Guard



The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard recently led the Red Earth Parade in Oklahoma City and the Grand Entry. Front row from left, Mike Reed, Michael Worcester and Roy Worcester. Back row from left, Will Johnson and Bernie Seeley.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Felton

Keenan, Felton marry at Lake Tahoe

Candy Keenan and Mark Felton, both of Gardnerville, Nev., were united in marriage during a June 9 ceremony at Lake Tahoe, Nev. Officiating was Gil Linsley.

The bride is the daughter of the late Bruce Goforth and Jo Ann Keenan, of Ada, Okla.

Mrs. Felton, a Chickasaw citizen, is a homemaker and is formerly of Ada.

The groom is the son of Harold and Norma Felton.

Mr. Felton is employed as a crew leader with Southwest Gas.

A reception was hosted at Minden Park, Minden, Nev.

The couple will make their home at Gardnerville, after a wedding trip to the Oregon Coast.

Student of the Year, Top Citizenship Student honored at Chickasaw Foundation event



Executive Director of the Chickasaw Foundation Johnna Walker (center), with Jonathon Sprouse Chickasaw Foundation Citizenship Award recipient and Isis Hilton, Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Year recipient.

Congratulations to the 2011-2012 Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Year, Ms. Isis Hilton.

Isis is a recent graduate of Marietta High School and was the February 2012 and April 2010 Student of the Month.

Isis has been a member of Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) for three years. She participated in many volunteer activities including March of Dimes, Meals on Wheels, clothing drives, volunteering in her school concession and collecting canned

food for those in need and Cans for Africa.

She was involved in the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCLCA), National Technical Honors Society (NTHS), Oklahoma Honor Society (OHS), Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) and National Honor Society. An avid pianist, Isis competed at the district level and received an award. Her future plans are to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University to pur-

Faithlyn Seawright named All-Nations Powwow Princess



Faithlyn Taloa Seawright

ADA, Okla. - A Chickasaw teenager has recently been honored as a powwow princess.

Faithlyn Taloa Seawright was named "All Nations Pow-Wow 2012-2013 Princess." Faithlyn was chosen for the title by the All Nations Pow-Wow of Ada committee in September 2011. She will serve as Princess for two years.

Faithlyn was officially crowned on April 7 during the Fifth Annual All Nations Pow-Wow at East Central University in Ada.

Faithlyn, 14, will begin her freshman year at Latta (OK) High School this fall. She is an honor student and an after-school volunteer.

She is a member of the Chickasaw Choir, the Chickasaw School of Guitar, Chickasaw Shasha Shanompoli, the Oklahoma Indian Federation of Women and Round Lake Indian Church.

Faithlyn has attended the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy for two years. A poem she produced at the Academy, "Heart of a Dancer," was published in *The Cumberland Presbyterian*.

She has attended many events as Princess and was a special guest at the Rose State College Spring Powwow. Her younger sister, Ke-Ke, currently serves as Little Miss Chickasaw.

Faithlyn is the daughter of Gwen Burris and Larry Seawright. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mildred Bohanon Burris and the late Rev. Lee Burris, and Jack and Elsie Keel Seawright.

Faithlyn is 47/64 Chickasaw/Choctaw.

Congratulations Faithlyn from you family, friends and Pow-Wow committee!

Chickasaws compete in Stickball World Series



Members of Chickasha Toli, a Chickasaw stickball team, celebrate during the Stickball World Series competition in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. - A number of Chickasaw stickball players recently competed in the Stickball World Series in Philadelphia, Miss.

The Chickasaw players are all members of Chickasha Toli. Players were asked to join with Team Tvshkahoma, a Choctaw Nation team, to compete in the World Series.

The tournament went well with Team Tvshkahoma finishing fifth of the 16 teams competing.

Several Chickasha Toli players were also asked to compete in the 35+ division on a team named 16 Pow Wow. That team finished third in the competi-

tion.

Team Tvshkahoma won its first match against an Oklahoma team named Okla Hannali (Sixtown). The squad lost its next match against Team Unified, a Mississippi team.

Chickasha Toli players who participated on Team Tvshkahoma included Jeremy Wallace, Levi Hart, Aaron (Chance) Factor, Brandon WhiteEagle, Clovis Hamilton, Rick Miller, Ric Greenwood, Josh Alexander, Clay Moore, Ronnie Hicks, Terrence Underwood, Sunhawk Hill, Dalton Gaines, Boomer Factor, John Paul (JP) Underwood and Chad Wallace.

Participating on the 16 Pow

Wow team were Jeremy Wallace, Aaron (Chance) Factor, Rick Miller, Terrence Underwood, Ric Greenwood and Ronnie Hicks.

Chickasha Toli has been invited to compete in the 2013 Stickball World Series.

The next tournament for Chickasha Toli will be at the Labor Day Festival in Tushkahoma, Okla., August 31 through September 3.

The team asks that you come out and cheer your Chickasha men and boys on as they play the ancient game and pass it down to the next generation.



Foundation Exec named to Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits Board

Congratulations to Mrs. Johnna R. Walker, executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation, for being elected to the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits Board of Directors.

The Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits is a nonprofit organization equipping and strengthening the Oklahoma nonprofit sector through training, consulting, advocacy, membership, networking and awards. Their mission is "building better communities through effective nonprofits."

Chickasaw Foundation Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The Foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for the art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2012.

This reception is conducted annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 the Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). This one-time award is a competitive scholarship offered annually.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

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Cali Brooke Wood

Cali Brooke Wood is a 2012 graduate of Central High School, Fort Worth, Texas. She is the daughter of Clint and Christie Wood, of Fort Worth. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Pat Russell, of Konawa, Okla., Teresa and Ronnie Nelson and Joe Willey, all of Fort Worth, and Ed and Barbara Wood, of Berryville, Ark. She is the great-granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollee Samuel I. Edwards.

Cali was a member of the varsity volleyball team for four years receiving a varsity letter her senior year. She was a member of the Central Choir and varsity Chamber Singers receiving multiple state awards. She was varsity wrestling manager for four years.

Her plans are to attend the West Texas A&M, Canyon to pursue a degree in physhology.

Shannon Victoria Goforth

Shannon Victoria Goforth is a 2012 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y., the world's premiere culinary college. She is the daughter of Dr. Tom and Katherine Goforth. She is the granddaughter of the late Bill Nell Goforth.

Ms. Goforth earned an associates degree in culinary arts. In 2010 she earned a bachelor of science degree in hospitality with an emphasis in food/restaurant management from the university of Arkansas.

She has not finalized her career plans as of yet, but is exploring many exciting options in the food industry.

Karen Goodnight

Karen Goodnight is a 2012 doctoral graduate of the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Mrs. Goodnight graduated May 10 with a doctoral degree in the field of Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum with an emphasis in Social Studies Education.

While attending school, she was employed as a graduate assistant for Dr. Neil Houser in the Instructional Leadership department, and represented OU as the Holmes Scholar from 2004-2006.

She is a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Mrs. Goodnight received a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, and a master's degree in administration from East Central University.

She is Chickasaw and has been associated with the Chickasaw Nation since 1995 when she served as the director of the Head Start and Early Childhood programs. She was then appointed Administrator of the Division of Education, until she left to finish a master's degree and pursue a Ph.D. She returned in 2007, where she served as the Chief Training Officer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce until February 2012.

Upon graduating with her Ph.D., she began employment

as a senior partner with a non-profit corporation, Three Feathers Associates in Norman, as well as establishing and operating her own private consulting business.

Mrs. Goodnight and her husband Stan, have three children, Kyle, Madie and Katie. Her mother is Chickasaw Legislator, Dean McManus. She has two sisters, Sherri McManus, and Kristina McManus, both of Ada, and a family of several nieces, nephews, one great-niece and two great-nephews.

Her extended family includes in-laws, Chris and Molly Goodnight, and several family members from the Tecumseh (OK) area.

Marissa Kailynn Hatton

Marissa Kailynn Hatton is a 2012 graduate from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is the daughter of Kevin and Ronda Hatton, of San Diego.

Ms. Hatton earned a bachelor of arts in political science and was on the Dean's Honor Roll for all quarters.

To celebrate her graduation she and her family will vacation in Europe and in September she will travel to Kenya, Africa, to volunteer at the Makuyu Children's Orphanage. Upon returning she will live in San Francisco and plans to enter law school in fall 2013.

Ms. Hatton is proud of her heritage and is extremely grateful for the support she received from the Chickasaw Nation throughout her education.

Sara Mae Schwartzkopf

Sara Mae Schwartzkopf is a 2012 graduate from the University of Denver. She is the daughter of Anita and Jon Schwartzkopf, Loveland, Colo. She is the granddaughter of Ruth and Bert Stockton, Phyllis and the late Albert Fowler, all of Hutchinson, Kan., and Jane Schwartzkopf Blount, of Surprise, Ariz., and the late Alvin Schwartzkopf. She is the great-granddaughter of the late May and E.B. Johnson, of Meers, Okla.

Ms. Schwartzkopf graduated Magna Cum Laude June 9 earning a bachelors of arts degree with a double major in international studies and sociology and a minor in Japanese.

She is a member Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Honor Society, Sigma Iota Rho, International Studies Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society, Phi Sigma Iota, and Foreign Languages Honor Society. While attending the University of Denver she was active in the University Honors program, International Student Organization and Native Student Alliance. She spent most of her junior year abroad at Kansai Gaidai University located at Hirakata City, Osaka, Japan.

Ms. Schwartzkopf wishes to thank the Chickasaw Education Services for its generous support.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby with Chickasaw members of the Chickasaw RIVERSPORT Canoe/Kayak program. The program is located on the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City and the team trains out of the Devon Boathouse. The group has been participating in the program for about 18 months and are preparing to compete in Seattle at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships, Aug. 23-25. From left, coach Aasim Saleh, Ben Conard, Josh Turner, Gov. Anoatubby, Garrett Wampler and Hazel Eckart.

Marcy Gray

OKLAHOMA CITY - Four Chickasaw youth paddlers are spending their summer break preparing for the race of their lives.

The group will compete in Seattle at the USA Canoe/Kay-

ak Sprint National Championships, Aug. 23-25

Hazel Eckart, Garrett Wampler and Josh Turner are all members of the Chickasaw RIVERSPORT Canoe/Kayak program. Members train on

the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City and in the Devon Boathouse.

The trio has been participating in the program for about 18 months.

In kayak events paddlers are

seated in their boats and use a double-blade paddle. Both boys and girls race in kayak events single (K1), double (K2) and four (K4).

Hazel's brother, Ben Conard, 14, is the sole canoeist of the group, but maintains the same grueling twice-a-day practice schedule as the rest of the team. In canoe events, paddlers kneel and use a single-blade paddle.

Their hard work paid off last June when all participated in the 2012 Southern Invitational Regatta at the Lake Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club in Georgia. Each team member earned a medal.

The remainder of June and July, the team has been preparing for National Championships. Hazel is the sole Chickasaw girl on the team. She earned two silver medals at the Georgia competition.

She said her teammates and "the water" give her the motivation to practice twice a day.

about a minute."

The group benefits from modern training methods and facilities. The Devon Boathouse features an altitude training center, state-of-the-art strength training and other high tech features.

Garrett plays football for his school in Norman but says kayaking is special because of the water.

"On really hot days, I can't wait to get to the water," he said. "It's great."

Garrett thanks his tribe for the opportunity to participate in the sport.

"It's pretty amazing that I was introduced to kayaking by the Chickasaw Nation," he said.

Josh Turner, 14, likes to kayak because "it's fun and I am good at it."

The Mustang ninth grader said he was introduced to the sport at an open house at the Devon Boathouse.

"It looked fun and I wanted to try it."

He tried it and was hooked.

"It's pretty amazing that I was introduced to kayaking by the Chickasaw Nation."

Garrett Wampler

Chickasaw Youth Paddler

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The soft-spoken 12-year-old said she enjoyed the sport tremendously.

"You're exercising every day and it makes me feel special that I can actually do it," she said.

The kayakers must work together for success, relying on teamwork to cross the finish line.

Hazel would like to "just keep going" and compete at higher levels.

Garrett didn't know anything about kayaking when he first heard of the program. The teen watched the Olympics to study the sport, then took to the water himself.

"I found out kayaking is all about balance and speed," he said. "The boat is so small, it is hard to get your foot in it and not flip over."

After many hours of practice, "now we can go 200 meters in

"You set your own pace," Josh said. "I would like to get so good at it I wouldn't have to get any better."

He participated in the 500-meter and the 2-kilometer events in Georgia.

With a show of hands, his teammates voted Josh the best kayaker.

When asked what makes his the best of the group, he said, "because I go fast."

Ben Conard, 14, of Midwest City, has been involved in the program for about a year.

During that year, he has demonstrated determination and tenacity.

"It has taken me the entire time to make it to the dam and back in one practice," Ben said.

Navigating a "match stick of a boat" Ben said he was building muscles, especially when

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trying to avoid other boats and the Oklahoma wind.

"Other boats are a big problem and sometimes I feel like a human weathervane," he said.

Ben is one of only a handful of young canoeists in the state, and the only member of the youth team.

"It's really neat," he said. "It's the only sport I have ever committed to and it's a sport I can do my entire life."

Ben also said canoeing was a stress reliever for him.

He hopes to one day earn a college scholarship in competitive canoeing for his hard work. His ultimate goal is to go to the Olympics and medal.

Ben and Hazel's mother, Chickasaw Pam Conard, said she was thankful for the program and that her children are participating in what can be a lifelong sport.

The students train alongside Olympics and high performance athletes, Mrs. Conard said, and can see first-hand their work ethic and dedication.

Ms. Conard also takes a vessel out on the river when her children are practicing.

Coach Aasim Saleh said the sport builds leadership skills and the youth members learn at their own pace.

"The Chickasaw kids have become role models for other kids and older athletes," Coach Saleh said. "They are here early and they want to give back to the community."

"They consider themselves paddlers because they really want to be here."

He said most kids come into the program with limited knowledge of the sport. As skill level increases, the size of

the kayak or canoe shrinks, he said, and times get faster and faster.

"We want these athletes to grow up and reach their full potential," he said. "Our goal is to be healthy, productive citizens. Their only limiting factor is their will."

The coach is excited to take his team to the National Championship.

"We feel they are really ready to go," he said.

The Riversport program has expanded from 12 to 100 young athletes in the past two years, he said.

The RIVERSPORT Junior Canoe/Kayak Team gives kids the opportunity to race in Olympic-style sprint canoe/kayak competitions. The RIVERSPORT Junior Canoe/Kayak



Chickasaw Garrett Wampler, aft in foreground kayak, practices paddling with a teammate on the Oklahoma River.

Team is co-ed and open to youth ages 11-18. The program is free for Chickasaw youth. Practices are after school and on weekends at the Boathouse District located downtown at the Oklahoma River or at our

Route 66 Boathouse at Lake Overholser. For more information, contact program director and head coach Aasim Saleh at (405) 552-4040, or visit: www.riversportokc.org/kayak/team

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Kids burnish tennis skills at Advanced Tennis Clinic



Front row from left, Molly Humphrey, Mathew Stafford, Max Elliott, Devon Chapman, Easton Snow, Landon Swopes, Cameron Johnson and Madysen Mitchell. Middle row from left, Ashley Eades, Liberty Sweat, Danya Hook, Deja White, Laurie Clark, Malayja White, Angela Postoak, Chelsea Wedlow, Lauren Burden and Hailey Ellis. Back row from left, Kevin Waller, Skip Griesse, Chase Sheffield, Josh Ellis, Colten Skinner, Jayson Ellis, Keagan Trett, Kiowa Spicer, Joe Griesse, Terry Swopes and Phillip Nelson. Not pictured, Sunny Nelson.

ADA, Okla. - Looking for a cool place to spend the hot days of summer? Avoid the tennis court!

Twenty-three Chickasaw youth spent hot June at the seventh annual Advanced Tennis Clinic. The clinic ran from June 18-21 at the Ada Tennis Center. One of two youth tennis clinics sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, this four-day ex-

perience provided Chickasaw children expert instruction to take their tennis games to the next level.

Open to all Chickasaws ages 12-18, the Advanced Tennis Clinic teaches youth many skills and traits that can be applied to other parts of their life.

"Tennis is a lifelong sport that can be played at any age

and any level of competition," Chickasaw Nation Camps and Recreation Coordinator Tonya

Bierce said. "It teaches sportsmanship, mental concentration and motivates children to get

outside and exercise. The children here want to be here."

Campers from across the Chickasaw Nation participated.

"Students are represented from the many communities in southern Oklahoma," Ada High School head coach Skip Griesse said. "The Chickasaw Nation buses in campers from Ardmore, Purcell, Davis and Tishomingo who otherwise would not have been able to attend."

Beginning in 2005, the tennis clinic has had many return students.

"I started coming seven years ago with the beginners' clinic," said Lauren Burden, 13, of Ada. "My dad played in high school and college. Tennis gives us something to do together. I practice with the high school team now and next year I will be on it."

Teaching the clinics were seven veteran tennis coaches and area student-athletes. Physical conditioning, practice drills and advanced fundamentals were stressed. Terry Swopes, Ada High assistant tennis coach, said the clinic went beyond basic tennis.

"The level of play and consistency is different at the advanced clinic," Coach Swopes said. "Instead of teaching children about basic tennis strokes, rules and sportsmanship, we run more drills and have more team participation here."

As difficult and hot as the Advanced Tennis Clinic is, students understand its value.

"This is my second camp," 12-year-old Cameron Johnson, of Ada, said. "I come back because I have fun playing. It helps me burn energy and stay in shape. Me and mom come out and play when we can. I have been playing for a year now and have my own equipment. I don't think I will ever quit playing."

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Cameron Johnson, 12, Ada receives coaching.



Lauren Burden, 13, Ada, practicing tennis drills.

Popular Champions Football Clinic draws 75 Chickasaw grididders



Players listen intently at Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Clinic, conducted last month.

Mike McKee



University of Oklahoma offensive coordinator Josh Heupel, center in foreground, instructs a group of quarterbacks on proper throwing techniques at football camp.



Nine-year-old Xavier Russell, Ardmore, runs the ball at Day of Champions Football Clinic, conducted July 5-7 in Ada.

ADA, Okla. – Seventy-five young Chickasaw athletes learned the value of hard work, discipline and determination during the annual Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Football Clinic, July 7-9 at the Ada High Football Complex.

Ten-year-old Josh Housley was one of the campers.

Accompanied by his parents Keven and Sheila and his sister Emily, Josh traveled from Oklahoma City to attend the three-day clinic.

Mrs. Housely said the summer trip was a family tradition.

"Every summer for the past four years we've made this trip," she said, watching from a lawn chair on the sidelines.

"The coaches tell us this camp is for us, too. We are free to walk around and take photos and make memories."

The Housleys said they were grateful for the summer youth programs provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

Josh said he learned to stay healthy and focused at camp.

"If you are really good at something, you should work hard and be your best," he said.

Coach Ken Heupel, who led the Day of Champions Clinic, said parents were invited to come onto the field and hear what the coaches were presenting, so the parent, coach and player can all be united.

The Day of Champions Clinic began in 2000 after quarterback Josh Heupel and his University of Oklahoma Sooners won the NCAA national championship.

"We started this because of the support (Josh) received from the Native American com-

munity and we wanted give back," Ken Heupel said.

Josh Heupel and a cadre of coaches worked with the kids for three hot summer days, stressing four main principles - discipline, trust, respect and hard work.

"We want to teach them the skill of life, such as looking people in the eye and paying attention," Josh Heupel said. "We try to correlate it to the classroom."

Running back Jason Dollar, of Tishomingo, said he was excited to share the knowledge and skills learned at camp with his fellow eighth graders.

D'Angelo Dunn, an Ada High School football player, has attended Day of Champions for many years. It is something he looks forward to each summer.

"Football camp helps me

prepare for the fall season, keeps me in shape and I learn so much from the coaches," D'Angelo said. "That's why I continue to come back year after year."

The camp consists of two days of intense football drills at the Ada High Indoor Football facility, followed by a fun-filled day of "Sooner Ball" and an autograph session. A camper's parent, older sibling or guardian gets to participate in the final games.

Day of Champions coaches include Justin Isker, Ryan Al-

good, Carlos Alvarado, Josh Brewer, Earle Mosley, Matt Brand, Dustin Perry, Waleed Gaines, Jerry Dominguez, Jimmy Magee, Jason Eisenman, Jake Breske, Mario Price, Keith Barefield Jr., and Justin Nolan.

Each coach on the roster has coached or played at a major university, including the University of Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Baylor and the University of Arizona.

For more information about Chickasaw Youth Camps, visit www.chickasaw.net

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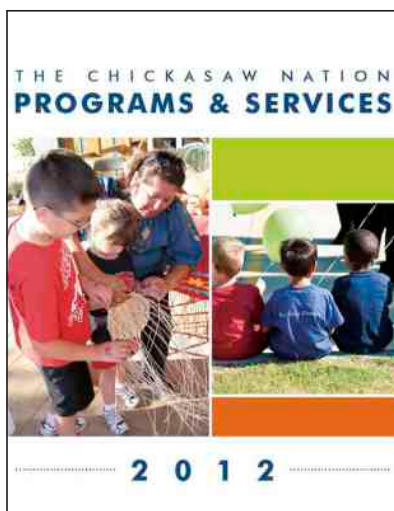
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Basketball Camp



Kyndall Wells, of Goldsby, Okla. takes a shot during Basketball Camp.

Mike McKee

Day of Champions Cheer Camp welcomes 50 energetic Chickasaw girls



Fifty smiling Chickasaw girls and eight coaches participated in Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Cheer Camp, conducted July 6-7 in Ada.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Cheers, stunts, and energetic spirit were all out in the open at the Chickasaw Nation Day of Champions Cheerleading Camp, July 6-7 at the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center.

More than 50 vibrant girls from schools across the area attended the camp. Cheer camp focused not only on jumps, motion, dance and cheers, but also stressed important life-lessons, said camp

coordinator Dawn Heupel. Besides cheers and chants, Mrs. Heupel said, the camp also focuses on strength training and inspirational talks which sets it apart from other cheer camps.

"This camp is based on the same four principles as Day of Champions Football Camp; trust, respect, hard work and discipline," she said.

Mrs. Heupel was accompanied by a squad of current and former University of Oklahoma

cheerleaders.

Lessons on day one included learning basic drills, jumps, a dance routine and chants.

Judging by the girls' faces, they were having a lot of fun learning the new skills.

The camp finale was a performance at Day of Champions Football Camp.

Eight-year-old Jaycee Willis, of Ada, attended camp to "learn lots of new things like jumps and kicks."

Taryn Monday, 12, said her favorite part of the camp was the performance. "It's fun to show what we learned."

Ten-year-old Caitlyn Story, of Konawa, Okla., said she enjoyed working with the OU cheerleaders at cheer camp.

"I want to be an OU cheerleader someday, so it is really neat to be learning from them here at camp," she said.

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University of Oklahoma cheerleader Jordan Huff ties a ribbon in Caitlyn Story's hair, a reward for her dedication and commitment to Cheer Camp.

Over 100 Chickasaw cagers gather at Oklahoma City University for camp



Players and coaches huddle during Basketball Camp at Oklahoma City University.

Mike McKee

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Oklahoma City University gym resonated with the rhythmic pounding of dribbled basketballs as more than 100 Chickasaw kids participated in the annual Chickasaw Nation Basketball Clinic, July 10-11 at OCU wellness center.

Top coaches and players from state universities and

high schools mentored the kids. The clinic gave budding basketball players a solid foundation in fundamentals, while also emphasizing the importance of good character.

Current and former collegiate basketball players, including T.J. Franklin, Dionne Phelps, Terrance Walker, Terrance Johnson, William Ho-

liman Jr., Christie Jennings, Kent Franz, Aaryn Ellenburg, Bruce Plunk, Josh Nichols and Andrew Fitzgerald, served as clinic coaches.

The coaches impressed nine-year-old Kirtley Snow, of Sulphur.

"I think it's cool, I am going to go home and brag to my brother," Kirtley said.



Players line up to practice free throws at Chickasaw Nation Basketball Clinic, July 10-11 at Oklahoma City University.

Running drills like the "triple threat" and dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing and defensive techniques, the kids were encouraged always to try their best.

Deland Cobb, of Ada, said he learned how to shoot the ball better. He aspires to play for the NBA's Oklahoma City

Thunder.

When asked why they wanted to attend the basketball clinic, many students answered with a resounding "because it's fun!"

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Chikasha Saya offers variety of experiences for campers



Chikasha Saya campers and counselors dock a dragon boat on the Oklahoma River after finishing a race with fellow campers during Chikasha Saya (I am Chickasaw) camp July 13-14. A tour of the Devon Boathouse and the boat races were just part of the activities of the two-day camp.

Marcy Gray

ANADARKO, Okla. - Building birdhouses and competing in dragon boat races were two

highlights of Chikasha Saya (I Am Chickasaw) Camp, July 13-14 at Oakridge Campgrounds

and Retreat in Anadarko.

A total of 53 Chickasaw children, ages 10 to 14, participated

in the camp. They learned more about their culture and the world around them during the two-day event.

A trip to the Devon Boat House in Oklahoma City to race dragon boats was first on the camp agenda.

Trina Cooper, of Lawton, Okla., attended camp with her two siblings, twin sister Lauren and older sister Kayla. The trip down the Oklahoma River was her first time on a row boat.

"I've been scared my entire life," said the 12-year-old.

When asked what being Chickasaw means to her, Trina answered, "It means I am a part of a good heritage."

Laura Wilson, an 11-year-old from Ada, said she attended camp to learn more about her heritage.

"I want to know more about what's in my background, because I am Chickasaw," she said.

Sean Cooke, of Ada, said rowing the dragon boats reminded him of his Chickasaw ancestor's use of canoes.

Tanner Smith, of Tishomingo,

go, said he came to camp because his younger sister asked him. He said he was "grateful to be Chickasaw."

"I get to go to camps and everything," the 12-year-old said.

Chikasha Saya Camp is an all-encompassing camp that introduces Chickasaw youth to Chickasaw language and heritage and also provides lessons on history, culture, and ecology.

This year, campers built and decorated birdhouses to be displayed at WinStar Golf Course.

Campers also made native crafts; participated in a traditional dance and swam.

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Chickasaw golfers make good showings at Oklahoma state tourney



From left, Chickasaw high school golfers Rachel Wainscott, Byng High School; Madeline Jack, Sulphur High School; and Delany Daniel, Byng High School.

Four Native American golfers, who got a jump start at the sport at Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp, recently finished their varsity seasons with excellent showings at the 2012 Oklahoma State Girls Golf Championship.

Oklahoma high school students Rachel Wainscott, Byng High School; Madeline Jack, Sulphur High School; Delany Daniel, Byng High School; and Katelyn Snipes, Lone Grove High School, qualified for the

May 2-3 state tournament at Fountain Creek Golf Course, Eufala, Okla.

At the conclusion of tournament play, Miss Wainscott and Miss Snipes tied for 21st, Miss Daniel finished 54th and Miss Jack finished 58th.

Both senior golfers, Miss Wainscott and Miss Snipes will continue their golf game at the collegiate level this fall.

Miss Wainscott, a 2012 Byng High School graduate, will now be a part of the Murray State



Katelyn Snipes, Lone Grove High School.

College Golf Team in Tishomingo, Okla., where she was awarded a full golf scholarship.

Miss Snipes, who graduated from Lone Grove High School in May, was awarded a full scholarship to Seminole State College, Seminole, Okla.

Miss Jack and Miss Daniel are expected to continue on their schools' varsity golf team. Miss Jack will be a junior this fall at Sulphur High School, Miss Daniel will be a sopho-

more at Byng High School.

Miss Jack has attended golf camp three times, beginning in seventh grade. She has played in one Native American Jr. Open Golf Tournament, which is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

Miss Daniel first attended Golf Camp when she was 10. She has played in three Native American Jr. Open tournaments. She is a three-year member of Team Chickasaw Golf team, where has traveled to several tournaments in Texas and New Orleans.

She recently competed in the Jim Thorpe Games for Team Chickasaw and won the gold for the under 18 age group. She is also scheduled to play in Tempe, Arizona for Team Chickasaw in September.

During her freshman year, she played in eight golf tournaments, and placed 2nd, 5th and 9th in three of those and top 15 in three others.

In the future Miss Daniel hopes to get a college scholarship for golf.

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Lighthorse Academy opens door to law enforcement

ADA, Okla. - The intricacies of law enforcement were featured during the annual Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Academy, June 25-28 at Lighthorse Police Headquarters.

The Academy presented 19 young cadets an inside look at life in law enforcement with lessons including self defense, marksmanship, safe firearm handling and CPR.

"This academy provides a great opportunity to youth who may be interested in law enforcement, by offering both a classroom and hands-on learning experience on the various duties associated the law enforcement profession," said Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal.

Cadets were issued their own utility belts for the duration of the academy. During the academy they learned how to use handcuffs and practiced shooting at the near-by Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) campus.

Lessons on fingerprinting, crime scene investigation and traffic stops were also included

in the four-day academy. A tour of the Pontotoc County Jail was also on the agenda.

Cadets learned about departments and special teams within Lighthorse and each cadet had an opportunity to see police gear first-hand.

Fourteen-year-old Anita Hudson, of Harrah, Okla., applied to the academy because she aspires to be an FBI special agent.

She thought the academy would give her a taste of law enforcement.

"Learning defensive tactics and handcuffing were eye-opening experiences," she said.

The only female in a group of older cadets, Anita said she also learned more about the Lighthorse Police Department and met new friends at the academy.

Cody Moldenhauer, 13, of Norman, Okla., attended the academy for the first time, because he is also interested in a law enforcement career.

"I have always had an interest in law enforcement - the honor and the respect and helping people, and I wanted



Nine-year-old Jalen Johnson, Ada, Okla., dons earplugs to practice shooting firearms at the firing range during Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Academy.

Mike McKee

to learn more," he said.

He learned, he said, how all officers work together to solve crimes.

Returning campers J.W. Edwards, Evan Walters and Lane Teel all have parents who work in law enforcement.

J.W., 13, said he learned something new each year.

"At the end of the week, we put all the knowledge we learned to figure out a mock



Alesha Traylor practices CPR at Lighthorse Police Academy.

crime scene," Evan added.

When asked about the jail tour, 12-year-old Lane described it as "kind of scary."

"It's kind of sad to see how people can make bad choices," Lane said. "It makes me want to be a better person and learn

from others' mistakes and be a better person."

For more information about Chickasaw Lighthorse Police or Chickasaw Nation Youth Camps, log on to Chickasaw.net

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Chickasaw Foundation research fellowship open to students of Chickasaw history

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the availability of a research fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or for persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso Center of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. The fellowship will provide up to \$2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant.

Fellowships are awarded annually, in the fall, for the upcoming fiscal year. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the telephone.

If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described herein, and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility

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Upward Bound Math, Science students on summer study



Jerod Waters gives a cardiology presentation to CFUBMS students at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada, Okla.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science (CFUBMS) students recently completed their 2012 summer session field trips with excursions to many facilities that house careers related to the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields of study.

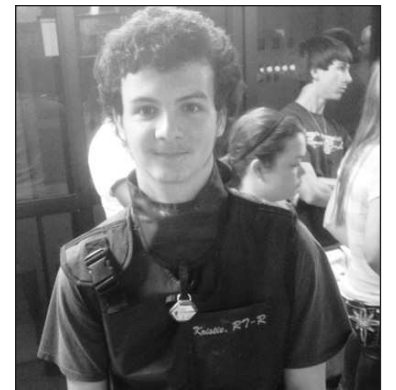
On June 15, the CFUBMS visited The University of Oklahoma Biological Station located on Lake Texoma. Lead by Dr. Gary

Wellborn, students received a tour of the entire site including lectures from scientists in the laboratories who were conducting research and monitoring the waters of Lake Texoma along with a question and answer session with current college students studying at the location.

Participants also had a chance to do some research of



Maranda Clymer holding a local turtle at The University of Oklahoma Biological Station on Lake Texoma.



Ryan Perridge trying on protective gear in the cardiology lab at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada, Okla.

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From left, Upward Bound students Bubba Gray, Casey Higgins, Mikayla Phillips, Tiffany Jeffcoat, Vanessa Flores, Ryan Perridge, Sarah Ward, Chelsea Cast, Savannah Folsom, Kelsey Tadlock, Maranda Clymer and Donna McElvany at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa.

Chickasaw boys turn out for Bradford football camp

NORMAN, Okla. - Several Chickasaw boys participated in the July Sam Bradford football camp in Norman.

Mr. Bradford, a Heisman Trophy-winning University of Oklahoma quarterback, now plays for the National Football League's St. Louis Rams.

Chickasaw students who attended the camp included Ken-

dall Robertson, Asa Robertson, Kadin Postoak, Brendan Anoatubby, Anoli Billy, Phillip Whitthorne, Mason Lance, Jason Morgan, Jordan Willis, Phillip Wiegman, Tyson Going, Cole Hammond, Justice Whitworth, Chad Milne, Jarrett Ellis, Connor Kuykendall, Colton Kuykendall, Zachery Weaver, Jordan Stick and Trevor John.



St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford gives "high fives" to several boys at the Sam Bradford Football Camp at the University of Oklahoma.



Brendan Anoatubby practices his passing technique at the Sam Bradford Football Camp at the University of Oklahoma.

their own as they conducted a field diversity study on the grounds.

On June 19, the CFUBMS spent the afternoon at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. Escorted by the Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Mark Dolph, the students received a guided tour of the museum.

Extra focus on careers in science was given as they participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of the archeological archives of the museum. Students learned about the care and research archeologists practice on a day-to-day basis.

The CFUBMS also got to take a closer look at the chemistry involved in protecting, preserving, and repairing the art and artifacts the museum houses.

Wrapping up the 2012 summer session, participants focused on careers in the medical field as they toured Valley View Regional Hospital (VVRH) in Ada, Okla., and Physical Ther-

apy Central in Davis, Okla., on June 29. Leading the tour at VVRH was Director of Critical Care Services, Jerod Waters. After being welcomed by President and CEO Kent Rogers, students received an in-depth behind-the-scenes look at the services and daily operations that go on at VVRH including: wound care, radiology and ra-

diation treatment, cardiology, emergency medicine, pathology, and information technology. CFUBMS students spent the afternoon at Physical Therapy Central where Janie Taylor, physical therapist, spoke about the different types of physical therapy and the day-to-day processes that the career involves.

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sue her dream of becoming a pharmacist.

Congratulations to Mr. Jonathon Sprouse for being selected for the 2012 Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) Citizenship Award. He is a recent graduate of Tishomingo High School and the son of Billie Sprouse.

Jonathon is not only polite and intelligent, but also serves his community and church.

He volunteers at Bread of Life, Crosspoint, the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Cultural

Awards, the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair, and through the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council.

Jonathon's citizenship qualities include his willingness to always go above and beyond to help out. For example, during the Bridge FAFSA workshop, Jonathon stayed and helped the other students complete their FAFSAs working side by side with the academic advisors. His help is always greatly appreciated!

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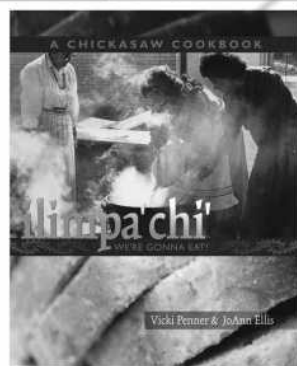
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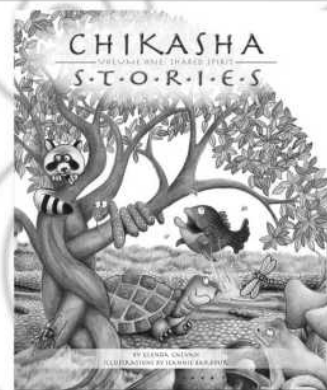
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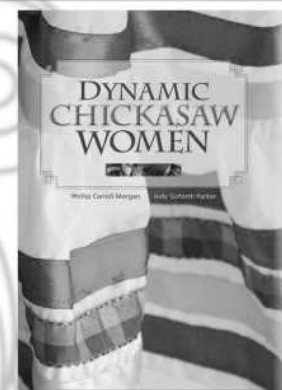
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Permit Requests must be completed and returned to the department office no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 7.

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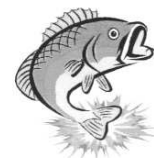
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Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

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Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

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Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

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Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
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Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

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OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

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4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

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Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

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Phyliss Ilene (Keel) Davis

Phyliss Ilene Keel Davis, 60, of Ada, Okla., died April 27, 2012 at Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore, Okla. Memorial services were May 5, 2012 at Clark Funeral Chapel, Tishomingo, Okla., with Elder Samuel Huff officiating.

She was born December 30, 1951 at Fillmore, Okla., to Freeman and Hilda Keel. She attended Tishomingo Schools and graduated from Murray State College, Tishomingo with a nursing degree. She was also a cancer survivor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bobby Davis; a son, Tracy Taliaferro; a sister, Hattie Chasteen; two brothers, J.B. Keel and Jerry Keel; two nieces, Danette Goble and Sandra McGehee; two nephews, Bobby Keel and Zachary Keel.

She is survived by two daughters, Kimi Chambers and husband, Dr. Larry Chambers, of Lawton, Okla., and Keela Davis and husband, John, of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, J.R. and Alex Loera and Lynce and Amelia; five brothers, Don Keel, of Tishomingo, Jefferson Keel, of Ada, Tommy Keel, of Tishomingo, Dale Keel, of Albuquerque and Danny Keel, of Baycliff, Texas; two sisters, Kathy Bethune, of Ada, Okla., and Virginia Sherwood, of Madill, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation and all our friends for the love and support during the loss of our beloved Ilene.

A very special thanks to Dr. Michael Gearhart and the ER staff at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center for their care, kindness, thoughtfulness and comfort during this time.

The family of Phyliss Ilene (Keel) Davis

Vernon Clark Factor



Vernon Clark Factor, 62, of Pontotoc, Okla., died May 18, 2012 at his home. Services were May 21 at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla., with Rev. Randy Wade and Allen Beck officiating. Burial followed at Seeley Blue Cemetery.

He was born January 31, 1950 at Talihina, Okla., to Cleo Factor and Zora Lee Johnson Factor. He attended Pontotoc and McLish schools.

He married Vonda Gipson Tyson on August 19, 2010. Mr. Factor was employed for 16 years by the Chickasaw Nation in facilities and maintenance and was also a self-employed fence builder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Duane Factor; and a nephew Damein Coltz.

He is survived by his wife Vonda Factor, of the home; two daughters, Cheresta Tyson, of Pontotoc and Rachel Brown, of Stonewall, Okla.; four stepsons, Frankie Worcester and Shawn Gipson, of Ada, Bobby Tyson and Sam Tyson, both of Tulsa; a sister, Regina Robbins, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four brothers, James Factor, of Tishomingo, Okla., Clifford Factor, of Connerville, Okla., Stanley Factor, of Ada, and Anthony Factor, of Connerville; and 10 grandchildren.

Bearers were Sonny Pearce, Chance Factor, Josh Factor, Jared Factor, Jacob Factor and Jerry Johnson. Honorary Bearers were Doug Hook, Curtis Bond, Gerald Hart and A-Team of the Chickasaw Nation.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com

Brandy Berkett Barnes Hagood

Brandy Berkette Barnes Hagood, 39, of Ringling, Okla., died June 24, 2012 at Tupelo, Okla. Graveside services were June 27, at the Reck Cemetery in Carter County with Paul Tackett and Robert Newman officiating.

Mrs. Hagood was born November 26, 1972 at Healdton, Okla., to Jim and Judy (Fowler) Barnes. She lived in the Ringling area all of her life. She attended Ringling Schools and later attended the Pontotoc Tech Center in Ada.

She enjoyed going to garage sales, reading, telling jokes, watching TV and eating beef jerky. She also enjoyed being outdoors, fishing and turkey hunting. She attended the Stonewall Assembly of God.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jim Barnes; grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by a son, Micky Hagood, of Ringling; mother, Judy Fowler-Barnes, of Tupelo; a brother, Arthur Robles and wife Rita, of Lindsay, Okla.; a sister, Judith Robles, of Asher, Okla. very special friend, Micky Morris, of Ringling; aunt, Betty Love, of Apache, Okla.; uncle, Jim Fowler, of Wilson, Okla.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Note of Thanks

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those of the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department for their comfort and support during this time of sadness.

I thank those of you who were able for taking the time to attend the services and thanks to those who could not for keeping my place covered and holding me up in prayer.

My family and I gratefully appreciate you and others who reached out in sympathy, support and encouragement to us.

We especially thank you of Brandy's department, CDI, for making the wonderful gesture of sharing with us in saying good bye and sending her home.

Judy Fowler

Kenneth "Pancho" Knotts



Kenneth "Pancho" Knotts, 73, of Hobbs, N.M., died March 20, 2012 at Lovington, N.M. Graveside services were May 23 at Prairie Haven Cemetery, Hobbs.

He was born April 21, 1939, at Hobbs, to Anthony and Juanita Knotts.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a Chickasaw Elder.

He was a former Light Heavyweight Golden Gloves title in 1960 from Hobbs. He lived life to the fullest and he was a loving father, brother and friend. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He will forever be missed by his entire family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Bonnie Ponder.

He is survived by his two sons, John Knotts, of Hobbs and Benton Clendenen, of Midland, Texas; three daughters, Deneice Knotts, of Peteluma, Calif., B.J. Sorensen, and husband Paul, of Southlake, Texas, and Jayme Mae Lumbrera, of Duncanville, Texas; a brother, Anthony G. Knotts, of Albuquerque; three sisters, Willie Juanita "Billie" Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., Vivian Kelley, of Texas, and Rheta Johnson, of Hobbs.; five and a half grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Eren "Kendell" Nance



Eren "Kendell" Nance, 42, died April 13, 2012. Graveside services were July 12, at High Hill Cemetery, Ada, Okla., with Pastor Zac Christian officiating.

Mr. Nance was born May 16, 1970 at Talihina, Okla., to Nelson Gaylon and Carol Jean Nelson Nance. He was a Chickasaw citizen and attended Ada schools.

Mr. Nance was a self-employed general laborer in the Ada area. He attended H2O Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandparents, Eren "Coss" Nelson and Lucy Nelson.

He is survived by a son, Eren Kendall Moore, of Stratford, Okla.; a granddaughter, Julie Moore, of Stratford; a sister, Rita Loder and husband Doug, of Ardmore, Okla.; three brothers, Rodney Factor, of Maud, Terry Factor and wife Keisha, of Ada, and Mark Factor, of Ada; and numerous other family members and friends.

Bearers were Bo Ellis and Jonathan Walters.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com

Karen Leigh (Hudson) West



Karen is survived by her husband, Randy; daughter, Landry Nicole West; son Cade Warrior West; father, Gene Hudson, all of Davis; four sisters, Carol Hudson, Lisa Hudson and Judy Risner, all of Davis, and Becky Brown of Florida; as well as two brothers, Michael Hudson of Davis, and Keith Anderson of Tulsa.

Preceding her in death was a son, Creed Wayne West; her mother, Betty Hudson; and step-mother, Floy Hudson.

On line condolences may be offered at halesfuneralhomes.com.

Helen Holbird



Helen Holbird, 85, died June 15, 2012.

She was the daughter of original enrollee (newborn) George Crockett and granddaughter of original enrollee Major Crockett.

She was proud to be Chickasaw and was active in the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council until illness prevented her from doing so.

She accomplished many things in her 85 years, to in-

clude raising two children, enjoying a career at Tinker Air Force Base, owning and piloting her own airplane, being a wise and generous matriarch of her family, and being a faithful friend to a great many people.

Mrs. Holbird was a committed Christian and lived her faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Holbird; parents George and Edith Crockett; brother George, Jr.; and sister Joy Wade.

She is survived by a son, Rory Lewellen; a daughter Carole Whitlow (Randy); grandson Robert Whitlow (Taylor); granddaughter Elizabeth Pickens (Mark, Jr.); and great-grandsons Tyler and Simon Pickens; two sisters, Cordelia Crockett and Delores Crockett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

I wonder what the other side will be when I have finished weaving all my thread? I do not know the pattern nor the plan of this great piece of work that is for me, I only know that I must weave with care the colors that are given me, and make of them a fabric firm and true, that will be of service to my fellow man. Sometimes the colors are so dull and grey, I doubt if there will be one line of beauty there; then all at once there appears a thread of blue or gold so deep, that there will always be that one bright spot, to cherish and to keep. The Master's mind composed the design for me, the Master's hand controls the loom so if I but weave the shuttle to and fro, and blend the colors, just the best I know, perhaps, when 'tis finished 'twill be beautiful, and He will say "Tis good" and lay it on the footstool at his feet.

Emma Gene (Longacre) Lack



Emma Gene (Longacre) Lack, 69, of Wayne, Okla., died June 9, 2012. Funeral services were June 14, at the First Baptist Church in Wayne. Burial followed at the Hopping Cemetery in Wayne.

She was born July 5, 1942 at Maysville, Okla., to Carlos Dillon Longacre and Emma Elzada (Finley) Longacre. She was raised in the Pauls Valley and Sulphur communities and attended school there.

She met a young man from Sulphur, Okla., named Charles Vaughn Lack. They fell in love and were married November 16, 1962 in Sulphur. Together they raised four children; son, Dean and daughters Anita, Linda and Shana.

She worked various little jobs during her life, but her first priority and greatest joy came from being a homemaker. She cherished her family and worked hard to be a good wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed tending to her flower and vegetable gardens and was very gifted in crocheting and

embroidery work. She loved a good book, working crossword puzzles and never missed an opportunity to watch a John Wayne movie.

She was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Wayne First Baptist Church where she also enjoyed meeting with her Sunday School Ladies.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Anita Ridenour; an infant daughter, Sharon Ann Lack; her parents, Dill and Emma Longacre; and her siblings, J.C. Longacre, Bobby Joe Longacre and Goldie Pierson.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Charles Lack, of the home; a son, Dean Lack and wife Angie, of Wayne; two daughters, Linda Lack Holder, of Norman, Okla., and Shana Denise Lack, of Wayne; a brother, Jack Good, of Medford, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Brandy Potts Privett, Charles Tinker, Benny Tinker, Jessicah Tinker, Alexander Holder, Austin Lack, Hannah Lack, Dillon Lack, Ashtin Lack and Ethan Meeks; 13 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kolton, Shelby, Dominic, Sabina, Kaylee, Makayla, Bowen, Dale, Zack, Nita, Jo Jo and Caydon; a great-great-grandson, Bentley Chase Potts; and many other family and friends.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
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Ada, Oklahoma
June 15, 2012**AGENDA ITEM #1** CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**AGENDA ITEM #2** ROLL CALL**Members present:** Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz**Member absent:** Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert**Staff present:** Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel**Guests present:** Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo, Rita Loder, Tisha Cully**AGENDA ITEM #3** INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 18, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve the May 18, 2012 minutes.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus**General Resolution Number 29-027, Approval of Application for Funding Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 7**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to apply for an IHS-NARCH 7 grant. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health along with the Cherokee Nation and the University of Oklahoma will conduct tribally driven health research projects and develop the capacity of faculty researchers. Since 2000, the Chickasaw Nation has had a successful and ongoing relationship with the University of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation through past NARCH grants. The CNDH would approve the prospective research projects through the Chickasaw Nation Institutional Review Board, and collaborate with University of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation to facilitate and complete the grant projects.

Benefits of the NARCH 7 grant would include development of interventions to reduce health disparities and to enhance the strengths and resiliencies of Native communities and individuals; development of a cadre of Native American scientists and health professionals who are competitive for federal research funding; and by increasing the capability of both the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health and the University of Oklahoma to work in partnership to produce competitive grants and specialty health services for Oklahoma Native Americans.

The Chickasaw Nation will submit the NARCH 7 grant and will serve as the administrator of grant funds throughout the grant cycle. The grant award amount will be approximately \$1,000,000 for the total partnership for five years.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-027.

Ms. Case stated she fully supports this resolution; however, she serves on the IRB Board and will abstain from the vote.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve

Woods, David Woerz

10 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Katie Case

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR29-027 carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Green gave a report on the 25th Sovereignty Symposium, in Oklahoma City. Mr. Mike Watson suggested the Nation set up a facility to assist citizens with questions regarding the Cobell Case. Ms. Hammond announced the Jim Thorpe Games were in Oklahoma City, and the Chickasaw Stick Ball Team joined with the Choctaw team to play at Remington Park this weekend.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 16, 2012

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

No Quorum

Absent: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins

Finance Committee

July 9, 2012

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Health Care Committee

July 9, 2012

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee

July 9, 2012

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Land Development Committee

July 9, 2012

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Legislative Committee

July 9, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shanna Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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JULY 2012 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-028**Grant of Utility Service Easement in Pontotoc County**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to Peoples Electric Cooperative to provide electric service to the new softball complex in Ada, Pontotoc County.

Property Location: Softball Complex, North Country Club Road, Ada, OK.

Use: Utility Service Easement to Peoples Electric Cooperative

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-029**Grant of Utility Service Easement in Murray County**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to Bays Exploration Inc. to service a well head located on land adjacent to property owned by the Chickasaw Nation upon which this easement will traverse.

Property Location: A portion of the Chickasaw Farms tracts, located south of HWY 7 at the Washita River, Davis Oklahoma

Use: Utility Service Easement to Bays Exploration

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-030**Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2013**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$138,571,000.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-031**Resolution Changing the Meeting Day for the October, 2012, Legislative Session**

Explanation: This resolution changes the meeting day for the Regular Session of the Chickasaw Tribal legislature in October, 2012. The October Regular Session is the first session of the Fiscal Year and it is important to have all Legislators there because the annual election of officers is held during that Session. Several Legislators have a scheduling conflict with the third Friday of October, 2012; therefore, it is

imperative that the Session be held on a different day.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 29-003**Amendments to Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code**

(Corrections)

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers and adds missing capitalization in Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Failed for lack of a motion

Permanent Resolution Number 29-004**Amendments to Titles 6 and 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code**

(Corrections)

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers Titles 6 and 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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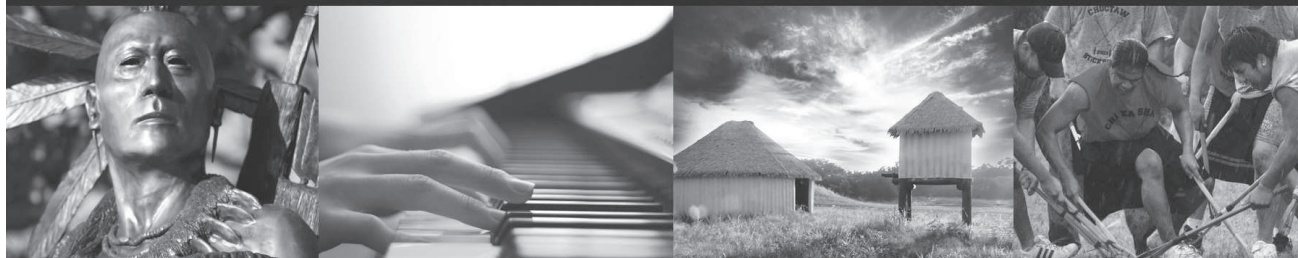
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2012

52nd Annual Meeting and
24th Chickasaw Festival

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, September 28th	8:00 pm- 2:00 AM	Stomp Dance	Kullihoma
Saturday, September 29th	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Tishomingo Golf Course
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Tishomingo Golf Course
	10:00 AM	Traditional Corn Stalk Shoot	Kullihoma Softball Fields
	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	THS Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex
	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	THS Football Field
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Pennington Park
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cutlural Center (Open)	Sulphur
Sunday, September 30th	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Cutlural Center (Open)	Sulphur
Monday, October 1	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday, October 2 - Thru - Friday, October 5	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cultural School Tours	
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tours of Tishomingo Museums, Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds and West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cutlural Center (Open)	Sulphur
		Mike Larsen Elders Exhibit	CCC Exhibit Hall
	9:00 AM-4:00PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
Thursday, October 4	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	CCC/Sulphur
	4 PM-8 PM	Cultural Evening	CCC/Sulphur
Friday, October 5	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	8:00 PM - Until Finish	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
Saturday, October 6	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC Student Center
	9:00 AM	State of the Nation Address	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	11:30 AM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Stickball demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:45:00 AM-3:00 PM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn
	11:45 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:45 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	12:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration and Tournament Begin	Pennington Park
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tours of the Chickasha Poya Exhibit Center	CCC Exhibit Center
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Portraits of the Elders by Mike Larsen	CCC Aatifama Room
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Aaholitopli Honor Garden Tours	CCC Honor Garden
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Cultural Demonstrations	CCC Traditional Village
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Holisso Research Center (open)	CCC Holisso Center
	2:00 PM - Until Finished	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
	2:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena

CCC = Chickasaw Cultural Center
MSC = Murray State College
J.C. Sports Complex = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS = Tishomingo High School